



# City of Apache Junction, Arizona

## Special Meeting Minutes Public Art Commission

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers  
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Sunday, April 23, 2023

12:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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### A. Call to Order

Vice Chair Danford called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

### B. Roll Call

**Present**                      5 -      Vice Chair Danford  
   Commissioner Buys  
   Commissioner Klett  
   Commissioner Hamm  
   Commissioner Lanza

Staff present:

Rudy Esquivias, DS Director  
Erika Hernandez, Associate Planner  
Dianne Cripe, Artspace 6, LLC (Consultant)

### C. Discussion Items

1.      [23-223](#)                      Presentation and discussion of Public Art Commission accomplishments since 2021, including artwork progress for the Dutchman Dog Park.

Dianne Cripe presented and discussed past accomplishments of the Public Art Commission, which included the work plan, prioritizing artwork locations, establishing policies and an artist contract template, codifying the artist selection process, selecting Trevor O'Tool as the Dutchman Dog Park artist, approving artist O'Tool's concepts for the Dutchman Dog Park. Dianne Cripe also presented various pictures depicting the progress of the artwork for the Dutchman Dog Park and stated that the installation of the artwork is scheduled for early June. Commissioner Buys also mentioned the creation of an inventory of current public artwork with GIS locations.

2.      [23-224](#)                      Presentation and discussion of possible temporary artwork projects:  
   - Vinyl wraps for signal cabinets.  
   - Banners for buildings (interior and exterior).  
   - Banners for light poles (N. Apache Trl, N. Plaza Dr. & S. Phelps Dr.)

Dianne Cripe discussed the pros of temporary artwork, which is less costly than permanent artwork, along with the various mediums used, such as vinyl wraps for signal cabinets, banners for buildings and light poles, murals, artwork in street medians, and paint in crosswalks and medians. She inquired about the current art fund budget as that would determine which direction the art commission should proceed in terms of cost. There was discussion about

involving the community in artwork projects.

Director Esquivias stated that the current art fund budget is \$111,800.27, but that the dog park artist remaining balance and other incidentals were also coming out of that fund, which gives us between \$70,000 to \$80,000 to spend on future projects. He stated that future commercial multi-family housing projects fees will be adding additional revenue to the art fund budget.

3. [23-225](#) Possible locations for temporary artwork:
- Banners for buildings (interior/exterior).
  - Crosswalk and sidewalk art.
  - Stoplight signal cabinets at intersections.

Dianne Cripe presented and discussed possible locations of artwork, including public buildings (such as the library, Multi-Gen, PD), city parks and intersections. She stated the “call to artists” might include a specific theme, and that the artwork should be installed on public property.

The commission formed two groups and went into break-out session for 25 minutes to discuss types of artwork and locations using the handouts and map provided.

The first group stated liked having a temporary sculpture at the library, Multi-Generational Center (MGC) or Flat Iron Park, temporary vinyl banners at the MGC or library, with a collaborative effort with artists from the area, schools and the Boys and Girls Club, and utility box wraps on Old West Hwy.

The second group stated they liked the pole banners, vinyl banners, median art, and having a community competition for the vinyl banners and indoor murals.

4. [23-226](#) Discussion on artwork for other areas:
- Round-a-bout.
  - Veteran's Park.
  - Median art on Apache Trail.
  - Silly Mountain.
  - Other places?

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5. [23-227](#) Call to Artists for possible Library murals.

The commission discussed which types of artwork they will vote on at the next meeting: vinyl banners, sculpture on pedestal, pole banners and mural in the library.

## **D. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

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Vice Chair Jeffrey Danford