



City of Apache Junction, Arizona

Meeting Minutes Public Art Commission

Meeting location:

City Council Chambers
300 E. Superstition Blvd.
Apache Junction, AZ
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Doors are open to the public at least 15 minutes prior to the posted meeting start time.

Monday, March 9, 2026

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Danford called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Present 4 - Commissioner Meek
 Commissioner Smithson
 Commissioner Cooper
 Chairperson Danford

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Klett

Staff present:

Rudy Esquivias, DS Director

Erika Hernandez, Planner

4. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Meek moved to accept the agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of the December 8, 2025 regular meeting. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

Present 4 - Commissioner Meek
 Commissioner Smithson
 Commissioner Cooper
 Chairperson Danford

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Klett

1. [26-86](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

Commissioner Meek moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

2. [26-87](#) Consideration of approval of minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2025.

The Minutes were approved.

5. Announcement of Art Work

Announcement of Art Work: Commissioner Cooper: The historic project from Americans for the Arts Year in Review, is the best of the best in public artworks. It illustrates creating with the community, getting them involved and taking ownership, verses creating for the community. Public art projects help to bring the community together. Chair Danford agreed to put on agenda for future meetings. Viewed two items in direct reference to this suggestion.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business

3. [26-88](#) Update on the RFQ for the Pre-Qualified Roster with Staff and Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC.

Planner Hernandez states the Pre-qualified Roster closed on January 15, 2026, and finalized on February 19, 2026. Thirty-three artists were chosen and have been notified.

Diane Cripe states all artists are established emerging Arizona artists with great diversity. Examples of their work are with the agenda and the list of artists can be used for a variety of projects.

4. [26-89](#) Update on Veteran's Memorial Traffic Cabinet Wrap.

Planner Hernandez states Council Member Johnson and some of our local veterans selected three of their top choices to design the cabinet wrap. She has reached out to one, but has not received a response yet.

5. [26-90](#) Update on Vinyl Culture Part Two (Traffic Cabinet Wraps).

Planner Hernandez states we have a list of qualified artists for this project.

6. [26-91](#) Update on the Roundabout RFQ.

Planner Hernandez states we have a draft that we are hoping to release on March 16th, but legal needs to review this first. Potentially looking at installation by November. This will include a selection of artists, a design proposal, and an approval will be required.

ADOT stated a while ago they did not want to be part of the panel, but she will follow up to see if this has changed. ADOT has their criteria.

The budget for this project is set for \$200,000.00.

8. New Business

7. [26-92](#) Presentation and Discussion on Proposed Sandblasting Art and Text for New Library Garden with Staff and Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC.

Planner Hernandez states Director Esquivias, Diane Cripe and herself met with Pam Harrison, the Director of the Library, and they are doing a library reading garden in the rear of the library. The plan looks great and Planner Hernandez suggests artwork to go just outside the door to the garden. Library Director Harrison further suggested the artwork to include text that says: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need". Diane got an estimate for sandblasting with a local company that specializes in sandblasting and it is about \$100 per sq ft., which may cost around \$24,000, for just the sandblasting.

Commissioner Cooper is in favor of projects that are walkable and engage people. Art & Library audiences share the thought of curiosity. Commissioner Meek seconds this. Chair Danford asks if we need to take a vote. Director Esquivias, states no, as this is just an introductory information item.

9. Information and Reports

None.

10. Director's Report

Director Esquivias states none, however we have many projects coming up with about \$500,000 in the pool, (in response to Chair Danford's fund inquiry).

11. Call for Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose

Commissioner Meek moved to hold a regular meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Commissioner Smithson seconded the motion.

Chair Danford called for a motion.

8. [26-93](#) Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, April 13, 2026 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

13. Adjournment

Chair Danford adjourned the meeting at 6:32 pm.