



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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Monday, September 11, 2023

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair Danford called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Danford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chairperson Danford
 Vice Chair Hamm
 Commissioner Buys
 Commissioner Lanza

Absent 1 - Commissioner Klett

Staff present:

Joel Stern, City Attorney
Rudy Esquivias, DS Director
Erika Hernandez, Assoc. Planner

4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Hamm moved to accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 regular meeting. Commissioner Buys seconded the motion.

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Danford, Vice Chair Hamm, Commissioner Buys and Commissioner Lanza

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Klett

Chair Danford called for a motion.

[23-316](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

[23-317](#) Consideration of approval of the minutes of the May 8, 2023 regular meeting.

5. Announcement of Art Work

Commissioner Buys stated he enjoyed the unveiling of the sculptures at the dog park.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Old Business

[23-480](#)

Discussion with staff and Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC:
- Summary of art installation at Dutchman Dog Park.

Director Esquivias stated that Dianne Cripe is out ill, however, she met with staff in August and provided preliminary figures for the cost of art banners. The cost would depend on materials. She also discussed the cost of a pedestal which would be between \$2,000 and \$5,000. At the next meeting, Dianne will discuss in detail the types of materials and costs.

[23-481](#)

Discussion on available public art funds.

Assoc. Planner Hernandez provided a short presentation of pictures of Dutchman Dog Park showing the sculptures and pads, along with a new fire hydrant for the bulldog from Liz and her team. She stated the artwork will have an artist commemoration plaque to be installed at a later date, along with caution signs about the sculptures being hot.

Assoc. Planner Hernandez stated that the current available public art fund amounts to \$310,255.36.

8. New Business

[23-479](#)

Discussion on the following items with staff:

- **Library**

- Discussion of possible artwork on both sides of library entrance and colonade structure on east side of library.*

- **Parks & Rec**

- Discussion of possible artwork on west facing windows and pedestal art.*

- **Police Department**

- Discussion of possible artwork and pedestal art on west side, and artwork on south side of building.*

Associate Planner Hernandez gave a short presentation of pictures taken at the library showing the locations for the artwork, and stated the library is interested in banners and vinyl wraps. She provided the commission with approximate dimensions. Pedestal art is also something that would be considered.

Associate Planner Hernandez gave a short presentation of pictures taken at the Multi-Gen Center (MGC) showing the locations for the artwork, and stated the MGC is interested in banners and vinyl wraps. She stated the area to the north is going to be expanded and may be a future area for artwork. The vinyl wraps on the windows would be semi-transparent. Pedestal art is considered in the peninsula areas in front.

Associate Planner Hernandez gave a short presentation of pictures taken at the police station showing locations for the artwork, and stated that a banner or vinyl wrap is a desired location on the wall in front of where interviews are conducted. She stated the police department expressed an interest in having the current planter in front of the entrance removed, and having it replaced by permanent pedestal art.

Associate Planner Hernandez stated that Public Works was contacted about pole banner artwork, but a response has not been received yet. She stated a response has not been received from the fire department yet.

9. Information and Reports

Commissioner Buys spoke about his trip to Belize and seeing the giant concrete block letters painted bright Caribbean colors, which draws the eye and provides a sense of perspective.

10. Director's Report

Director Esquivias stated one of the council members visited Tempe and noticed wrapped utility boxes, and stated they will be discussing that possibility for Apache Junction, even though that was not a priority discussion item for the art commission. He stated the commission is welcome to attend Monday's Work Session to see what's discussed, and Dianne Cripe's last presentation with examples will be shown to the council members.

11. Call for Future Agenda Items

Call to Artists for future projects (tentative item), next larger project, such as the round-a-bout and Silly Mountain.

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

[23-318](#) Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, October 9, 2023 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Vice Chair Hamm moved that the Public Art Commission hold a regular meeting on October 9, 2023 at 5:30 pm in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Commissioner Lanza seconded the motion.

Yes: 4 - Chairperson Danford, Vice Chair Hamm, Commissioner Buys and Commissioner Lanza

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Klett

Chair Danford called for a motion.

13. Adjournment

Chair Danford adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.

Chair Jeffrey Danford