



# 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 14, 2020

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Steinberger called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Steinberger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

<b>Present</b>	4 -	Chairperson Buys Commissioner Klett Commissioner Hamm Vice Chair Steinberger
<b>Excused</b>	1 -	Commissioner Coe
<b>Absent</b>	1 -	Commissioner Nicklus

Commissioner Nicklus arrived at 5:45 pm.

Staff Present:

Joel Stern, City Attorney  
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director  
Liz Langenbach, Parks and Recreation Director  
Sidney Urias, Senior Planner  
Matthew McNulty, Production/Marketing & Communications Specialist

### 4. Approval of Agenda

[20-465](#) Consideration of approval of agenda.

**Commission Klett moved to approve the agenda for the meeting. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion.**

<b>Yes:</b>	4 -	Chairperson Buys, Commissioner Klett, Commissioner Hamm and Vice Chair Steinberger
<b>No:</b>	0	
<b>Excused:</b>	1 -	Commissioner Coe
<b>Absent:</b>	1 -	Commissioner Nicklus

Vice Chair Steinberger called for a motion.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

[20-466](#) Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020.

**Chair Buys moved to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020. Commissioner Klett seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 4 - Chairperson Buys, Commissioner Klett, Commissioner Hamm and Vice Chair Steinberger

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Coe

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Nicklus

Vice Chair Steinberger called for motion.

## 6. Announcement of Art Work

None.

## 7. Public Hearings

None.

## 8. Old Business

[20-461](#) Presentation and discussion on logo.

Matthew McNulty gave a presentation on the progress of the logo for the commission.

The commission and staff discussed their preferences for which logo they prefer, how it would work for a printer and how it would be printed on different media, having Apache Junction included in the logo is important, having a style guide and a transparent background.

Senior Planner Urias reminded the commission that this is the beginning phases of the logo design and Matthew will take tonight's comments and suggestions, incorporate them into his updates, and he will update the commission again in the near future.

[20-462](#) Presentation and discussion on public art viewer.

Senior Planner Urias gave an update on the public art viewer.

The commission and staff discussed that once the viewer goes live it will give information on the art piece such as the artist's name, date produced and materials used.

[20-463](#) Presentation, discussion and update from commissioners regarding public art inventory.

Senior Planner Urias gave a presentation and update on the public art inventory.

The commissioners and staff discussed the art that ranged from wagons and statues in private yards to art in the median along Apache Trail. It also included art on commercial walls and

statues in front of new commercial buildings.

[20-464](#) Periodic update of art fee revenue.

Senior Planner Urias gave an update on the art fee revenue. He said there's been five projects that have contributed to the fund and to date the fund balance is \$2,698.96. At this time, all five projects elected to pay the fee instead of having their own art installation.

Director Kirch explained the process of how the fees are tracked and reconciled with the finance department. He explained staff will update the commission when new revenue is received and updates may not happen on a monthly basis.

## 9. New Business

[20-460](#) Presentation and discussion on the proposed dog park, SR88 roundabout art, and other public art opportunities.

Parks and Recreation Director Liz Langenbach gave a presentation on the proposed dog park art installation, SR88 roundabout art, and other public art opportunities.

The commission and staff discussed that the pads at the dog park as presented by Director Langenbach her presentation are concept at this point and she will eventually seek feedback from the commission regarding their design. She also invited commission members to meet her at the site for a tour of the area and proposed park. Commission members expressed interest in interactive/functional art and innovative ideas Director Langenbach presented. Director Langenbach also explained the drainage of the city complex and how it affects the area of the county complex where the park will be located and how the drainage will be corrected to go around the proposed area. She added the existing trees will be incorporated into the design of the park and explained that the park will be funded through the use of development fees which can only be used for parks and facilities. She added they are seeking grants and corporate sponsorships and won't start construction until the city has a majority of the money needed to complete the project.

The commission and staff discussed that staff were present during the Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT) design meetings. Director Langenbach explained city departments, parks for landscaping and public works for drainage, sidewalks and desert area) have responsibilities for maintenance of the area but anything that is done needs to be submitted through their proposal process. This presentation this evening is ready to be presented to the city council, city management, and the public art commission for approval before submission to ADOT. They also discussed several ways to get the art on the roundabout without waiting for the ADOT proposal process.

Director Langenbach gave a presentation on the mural at Flatiron Park and Josh Underwood the staff member and artist. She also gave a presentation on the proposed flag at Flatiron Park. The commission and staff discussed that although it's a great idea, the condition of the flag and number of times the flag would need to be replaced would definitely need to be considered as well as the scale of flag as compared to the size of Flatiron Park. She also mentioned that funds for this project will be raised by the public and the discussion will continue at the October 6th city council meeting. They also discussed other areas such as Prospector Park and Veteran's Memorial Park as alternatives for the location of the flag.

**10. Information and Reports**

None.

**11. Director's Report**

None.

**12. Call for Future Agenda Items**

None.

[20-467](#)

Direction to staff regarding items to place on the next regular meeting agenda.

**13. Selection of Meeting Dates, Times, Location and Purpose**

[20-468](#)

Regular meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, October 12, 2020 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

**Commissioner Nicklus motioned to have the next Public Art Commission regular meeting on October 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 5 - Chairperson Buys, Commissioner Nicklus, Commissioner Klett, Commissioner Hamm and Vice Chair Steinberger

**No:** 0

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Coe

Vice Chair Steinberger called for a motion.

**14. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Steinberger adjourned the meeting 6:55 pm.

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