



# 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, January 10, 2022

5:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Nicklus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call

**Present**                    5 -     Chairperson Buys  
   Vice Chair Nicklus  
   Commissioner Hamm  
   Commissioner Danford  
   Commissioner Sperna

**Absent**                    1 -     Commissioner Klett

Chairperson Buys attended the meeting telephonically.

Staff present:

Joel Stern, City Attorney

Larry Kirch, DSD Director

Liz Langenbach, Parks & Recreation Director

Dianne Cripe, Artspace 6, LLC (telephonically)

### 4. Consent Agenda

Vice Chair Nicklus moved that the Public Art Commission accept the agenda as presented and approve the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting. Commissioner Sperna seconded the motion.

**Yes:**                    5 -     Chairperson Buys, Vice Chair Nicklus, Commissioner Hamm, Commissioner Danford and Commissioner Sperna

**No:**                    0

**Absent:**                1 -     Commissioner Klett

Vice Chair Nicklus called for a motion.

[21-723](#)                    Consideration of approval of agenda.

[21-724](#)                    Consideration of approval of the minutes of the December 13, 2021 regular meeting.

**5. Announcement of Art Work**

None.

**6. Public Hearings**

None.

**7. Old Business****21-740**

Presentation and discussion on the following work plan items with Dianne Cripe of Artspace 6, LLC and city staff:

Informational item: Final RFQ off-leash dog park, line ad appears on January 13th and 20th and posted on city's procurement webpage

Dianne Cripe discussed the proposed timeline for the off-leash dog park public art project which was emailed to all commissioners, the process for submitting materials, and the artist selection process, including the three finalists. She stated the selected artist will sign the contract the week of April 18th, with the city approving the contract on April 19th. She stated the artist will have approximately until the end of November to complete the artwork, with installation occurring sometime after November 18th, and possible dedication date to be determined. She asked for questions for the timeline.

Chair Buys asked if the timeline was acceptable to Parks and Rec staff. Liz Langenbach stated the timeline was acceptable and relayed the tentative completion for the dog park is in March.

**8. New Business****21-720**

Consideration of the selection of two Public Art Commission members for the dog park artist selection panel.

**Vice Chair Nicklus moved that the Public Art Commission approve the selection of Public Art Commission members Liz Nicklus and Ryan Buys for the dog park artist selection panel. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 5 - Chairperson Buys, Vice Chair Nicklus, Commissioner Hamm, Commissioner Danford and Commissioner Sperna

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Klett

Chair Buys and Vice-Chair Nicklus volunteered to serve on the artist selection committee.

Commissioner Hamm called for a motion.

**21-741**

Presentation, discussion and consideration of annual approval of the Public Art Commission work plan.

**Commissioner Danford moved that the Public Art Commission approve the Public Art Commission work plan as presented. Commissioner Hamm seconded the motion.**

**Yes:** 5 - Chairperson Buys, Vice Chair Nicklus, Commissioner Hamm, Commissioner Danford and Commissioner Sperna

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Klett

Director Kirch discussed the Public Art Commission work plan, including the inventory, webpage, link to public art, pamphlet, round-a-bout, RFQ and agreement, and stated the work plans comes together as we progress. He stated the artist database, donation policy and public art master plan timelines are to be determined.

Vice Chair Nicklus asked for a date for the donation policy. Dianne Cripe responded that there was no specific timeline and asked Director Kirch to check the scope of work.

21-742 Discussion of current available public art funds.

Director Kirch discussed the available public arts funds amount at \$100,815 which came from a developer, and after Dianne Cripe's contract payment from these funds and the dog park project, he stated the balance would be approximately \$45,000.

Dianne Cripe mentioned other incidental costs including commission costs, honorarium and CaFe.

Chair Buys wanted to know how expenses are tracked. Director Kirch responded that finance tracks expenses through purchase orders.

City Attorney Stern stated Hampton Meridian is the developer who put up the \$100,000.

## **9. Information and Reports**

Director Kirch stated he read in The Independent there was an art show in Gold Canyon.

## **10. Director's Report**

None.

## **11. Call for Future Agenda Items**

Director Kirch would like to discuss the status of scope of work.

Dianne Cripe would like to discuss a donation policy and a policy for removing unrepairable art work.

Chair Buys would like to discuss selection of the remaining members for the artist selection committee. Director Kirch responded we need someone representing Parks & Rec but would still need two more.

Dianne Cripe stated she is contacting a public art administrator to serve on the committee. That would leave one artist to be on the panel. The artist could be a painter or sculptor, not a performing artist.

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

21-727 Regular meeting at 5:30 pm on Monday, February 14, 2022 in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard, Apache Junction.

Commissioner Hamm moved that the Public Art Commission hold a regular meeting on February 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm in the city council chambers located at 300 E. Superstition Boulevard. Commissioner Danford seconded the motion.

**Yes:** 4 - Vice Chair Nicklus, Commissioner Hamm, Commissioner Danford and Commissioner Sperna

**No:** 1 - Chairperson Buys

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Klett

Vice Chair Nicklus called for a motion.

### **13. Adjournment**

Vice Chair Nicklus adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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Chair Ryan Buys