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Arts & Culture Commission  
**WORK STUDY MEETING**  
7501 E. Skoog Blvd., Room 428  
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 2019

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order & Welcome

Chairperson Sinclair called the meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission to order at 5:30pm

2. Roll Call

Members present: Chairperson Andy Sinclair, Vice-Chairperson Lindsay Quisenberry, and Commissioner Robert Wertz. Members absent: Commissioner Franki Gibson and Commissioner Nancy Smith. Staff present: Brian Witty, Parks & Recreation Director, and Hope Hooper, Recreation Coordinator and Kathy Wise, Administrative Supervisor.

3. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Sinclair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

**Vice-Chairperson Quisenberry made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Wertz seconded the motion.** Motion carried unanimously by those members present.

4. Guest Artists – *H. Hooper, Coordinator*

The following is a list of guest artists for the remainder of fiscal year 18/19.

April – dulcimer performer

May – Coyote Springs Elementary – exit interview presentations

June - off

July - off

Then we start to schedule for the next fiscal year.

5. Family Arts Festival Operations/Assignments–*Vice-Chair Quisenberry and H. Hooper, Coordinator*

Mrs. Hooper said that we have the tent and greeters Robert and Nancy from 9:00am to Noon. Emcee: Lindsay and Andy from 9am – noon.

Mrs. Hooper said that Buzz Gummer will take over the egg hunts so please give your microphones to him. Surveys will be to give out to guests on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor patio. The patio is full, lots of entries. Twenty-one total booths include the commissions, Prescott Valley Art Guild, sponsors, schools, etc. We'll have information for our programs like we had last year. Vice-Chairperson Quisenberry asked about pictures of things the commissions has done to help open conversations with the public. She said she can come in on Friday to help put it together. Commissioner Wertz offered to come in and help. The idea is the print out photos with titles underneath like a collage. Director Witty suggested using the wide area printer.



6. Gold Fever Day, Operating/Assignments – *H. Hooper, Coordinator*  
Mrs. Hooper listed the following timeframes for the commission:  
8-2 – Andy and Lindsay  
1:30 – 7 – Robert and Nancy  
Commissioner Smith said she can't be there the entire time. Mrs. Hooper said that she will make contact to get her exact schedule. The booth will be near the shuttle drop off and will have information and handouts for the public.
  
7. Movies Under the Stars Sponsor Update – *Commissioner Gibson and H. Hooper, Coordinator*  
Mrs. Hooper said that 89A Dental is confirmed for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> movie as partner with the drive-in movie. Mingus Mountain Academy is onboard. Commissioner Gibson has been talking with them. Mrs. Hooper said that she has an appointment with Chick-Fil-A as they have expressed interest. She said the Touchmark is also interested. She is also checking in with Ace. Commissioner Gibson has made contact with Don at Sun Valley Tire. Director Witty asked Mrs. Hooper to reach out to Pruitt's. Chairperson Sinclair said that another potential sponsor is Salt River Project (electric/water company in Phoenix). Director Witty said there might be an issue due to other circumstances.
  
8. Art at the Center
  - a. Committee Recommendations
    - Renewals and Removals – *H. Hooper, Coordinator*  
Mrs. Hooper said that Titanium Dragonfly and Torque have been renewed for another year. ??? and How Heavy Would a Egyptian Kite Be? are not going to be renewed this year.
  
    - Applications – *Chairperson Sinclair and Commissioner Smith*  
Chairperson Sinclair said that the bad news is we have 3 accepted sculptures however, 1 has already accepted another show that he will be in for 2 years. He was asked him to re-apply in the future.  
  
Continuing, Chairperson Sinclair said that we accepted "Blue as the Sky" by Gene Galazan. Mr. Galazan is the artist that donated the horse sculptures that are now placed at the Summit Trail. "Totem #1" by Gary Slater (he's the artist that created the sky discs). It's a new piece and it does have different elements. His will take the place of where the Egyptian kite is.  
  
Commissioner Wertz asked about the process for selecting sculptures. Director Witty explained that the committee recommends the piece(s) to the commission. Director Witty said that a formal motion and action will be made at the April 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Then the vote to purchase would occur. At this point Mrs. Hooper is talking to the artists to let them know they've been accepted and to work through any issues and answer questions. Commissioner Wertz asked who was on the committee to which Chairperson Sinclair said it was Nancy Smith and him. If the selected pieces do not meet the standards for outdoor display and durability, the artist will be asked to remove the sculpture.
  
- Capital Budget – *B. Witty, Director*  
The capital component is that \$12,000 is in the capital program. The



committee is interested in purchasing this piece. The artist priced it at \$5,000. We would like to not go over \$3,000. It was asked if there is any interest in moving the sculpture to a park possibly move it to the new Granville Park. There is a lot of color play at this location and it would continue a trend with Bob Edwards Park and George Andersen Park. We also discussed that this new piece be considered, Totem #1. What we are looking at here would be some type of variance to be considered: splitting fiscal years which is partial payment in this fiscal year and the balance in the next fiscal year. The capital budget would be \$15,000 for sculpture purchases. We will not engage the artist until the commission discusses it. Chairperson Sinclair and Commissioner Smith are on board. Other commissioners have not seen it. The most important is the acceptance in the loan program and table the purchases to be seen by the commission and decide at that time if the majority of the commission wants to move forward with the purchase.

Commissioner Wertz asked if the commission has approached the public for selection. Director Witty said that the commission have set out to offer participation to several states and sometimes nation-wide. Director Witty added that the pieces don't have to go into a park and may or may not be permanent. Commissioner Wertz said that he doesn't feel that the piece is as strong as other pieces and should complement wherever it's placed. Director Witty added that we don't have to make a decision tonight.

Chairperson Sinclair explained that often he said "What is the description of art?" "It is a matter of perspective." Vice-chairperson Quisenberry said asking for comment from the public for review and recommendations which would become council process. Commissioner Wertz said ideally there would be a consensus for the purchases. Director Witty explained the actions of council in making the final approval. As an example of public comment on art purchases go back to the purchases of Limitless, Not So Gentle Tamer and To Protect & Serve. Limitless has a 25 year history of public comments. The police department artwork received public comments as well as from the police department staff with a consensus of "agree to disagree". Commissioner Wertz added that it might be best to err on the side of caution and let the people offer comment. Director Witty cautioned about a vocal section of our community that would like to disband the commission and get rid of all the artwork. He explained that the purpose of the commission is to make these decisions for formal approval by council. Commissioner Wertz said that if the public were negative the council might have to bow to the comments and get rid of it. In conclusion, Director Witty said the process has been established. It is our "the commission's" job to make review and recommendation.

9. Underpass Mural– *H. Hooper, Coordinator*

Mrs. Hooper spoke with Helen Hyatt Bradshaw Mountain High School art teacher to see if her students would like to participate. They are not prepared and the answers didn't come as quickly as expected. We can push the project back as there is still time before the end of the fiscal year. The high school students want to be involved but it's possible the teachers didn't have it as a priority project. Director Witty asked the commission if they would like to tackle a portion that would be scaled down to



the Boys & Girls Club for the summer or wait and re-engage with the high school in the fall. Mrs. Hooper said that staff and the commission would have to select the art. The intention was for the students to bring the proposals for selection which wasn't able to happen. Director Witty asked for recommendation to move forward with the commission approving the design. Chairperson Sinclair asked if the monsoon would affect the artwork. Director Witty and Mrs. Hooper said that the wall will be as high as possible that hopefully water levels won't reach it and if it does the surface will dry quickly. Director Witty wanted to know if the commission would be ok if staff approached the Boys & Girls Club and moved forward. The consensus was to delay the project to be completed in fiscal year 19/20. The new location is the tunnel at Navajo and Lakeshore.

10. 2019 – 2020 Meeting Calendar – Discussion – *B. Witty, Director*

Director Witty reconfirmed that work study meetings are all 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays for the regular meetings. Staff wanted to confirm that the commission does not want to meet July, December and June have been non-meeting months in past years. If the commission would like to add to the schedule it's ok but cannot take more dates away as code calls for a minimum of 9 meetings per year.

11. Elections of Officers – Discussion – *B. Witty, Director*

It was asked by the commission what happens when your term is expiring. Director Witty explained that contact will be made by the council office to request if you would like to renew your appointment or receive a thank you for your service. Director Witty said that he believes that there are 2 full terms on the commission. Chair position is only 2 consecutive years

Continuing, Director Witty said that we have chair, vice-chair and secretary. He said that he will review this topic at the April regular meeting for official nominations and voting in order to be ready to move forward at the May meeting.

12. Other

Commissioner Wertz asked staff about groups that would be participating in the master plan process. He said there are 2 groups and others in the community that would like to participate. Director Witty said they will create a personalized invite if you would like to participate.

Following your regular meeting in May, there will be a work study meeting with our consultant for comment on the master plan. As of right now it's the only meeting at this time. There will be other public meetings during the process.

Commissioner Wertz brought up the subject of the requests from the community with suggestions of what type of events they would like to see. Director Witty said that the article was from a different forum. Some of the suggestions are already being facilitated. Director Witty said that he thinks that the Mayor is trying to express to the public that the doors are open to accept comments but to not expect that this will fall off the back of your government. You as the public will have to facilitate and the town will help you through the event application process. Director Witty said that the survey is open. Commissioner Wertz suggested that perhaps use of town facilities and fee waivers to assist bringing in events.



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In conclusion, Commissioner Wertz said that the art piece for the Boys & Girls Club is ready to be installed.

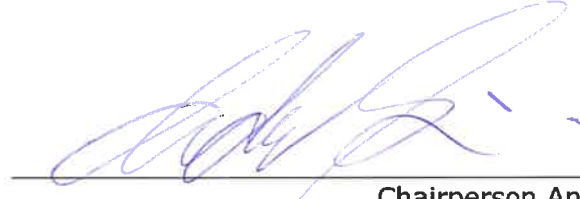
13. Next Meetings

- a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5:30pm, Auditorium
- b. Work Study Meeting: Wednesday, March 13May 8, 2019, 5:30pm, Conf. Rm. 428

14. Adjournment

With no further questions or comments Chairperson Sinclair stated that the meeting stands adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



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Chairperson Andy Sinclair

Respectively submitted by: Kathy Wise, Administrative Supervisor  
April 26, 2019