



Scottsdale Arts – Scottsdale Public Art Advisory Board
April 10, 2024, at noon
Mezzanine Conference Room (MCR)
7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Directions/Information: Scottsdale Public Art, 480-874-4640

MINUTES

Members Present: Jessicah Amrine, Mark Carroll, Kathy Duley, Russell Grossman, Christine Kovach, Bryanna McHenry, Jeff Miller, Elan Mizrahi, Jaime Neuffer*, Janet Sandino, Melody Salamo*, Miho Schoettker*

*via Zoom

Members Excused Absent: Allison Colwell, Dennis Robbins,

Members Unexcused Absence: Cassandra Saba

Staff Present: Kati Ballares, Talia De La Garza, Tanya Galin, Victoria Sajadi

*via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 12:00pm

2. **CONSENT AGENDA-**

2a. Consider Motion to Approve March 13, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Jeff Miller and seconded by Jaime Neuffer to approve the consent agenda, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **“Know Your Public Art” Trivia:** *One Eyed Jack* – Russel Grossman, SPA Advisory Board Member

SPA board member Bryanna McHenry will prepare trivia questions for the May meeting.

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

4a. Consider Motion to Approve Drinkwater Underpass Artwork Completion, *Breakaway*, artist Barbara Grygutis – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

Tanya provided a summary of the project with a \$1,139,487 artist budget. As a result of construction occurring to repair the aging infrastructure of the Drinkwater underpass and Civic Center Mall, an opportunity was realized to install a public art installation to serve as a gateway to the mall corridor and as a marquee for the City of Scottsdale. The aluminum cast knots are over 300 feet long on each

side of the underpass. Installation took one week per side. The types of knots are varied; however, the focus is on western knots. The turquoise blue paint for the backdrop is meant to be reminiscent of Arizona and the West. The dedication for the artwork is set for Friday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. at the Drinkwater Underpass.

A motion was made by Kathy Duley and seconded by Jeff Miller to approve Drinkwater Underpass Artwork Completion, *Breakaway*, artist Barbara Grygutis. The motion passed unanimously.

4b. Consider Motion to Approve Accession of *Tom's Thumb Rocks*, 2024, 18 x 24" framed acrylic on canvas, artist Gale Goldwoman – Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

Kati presented *Tom's Thumb Rocks* by Gale Goldwoman from the ColorLove winter exhibition at Civic Center Library Gallery. The artwork is valued at \$2,000 however, Gale agreed to sell it to SPA for \$1,500. The purchase has been reviewed and approved by the Acquisitions Committee and now it being presented to the advisory board.

A motion was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Janet Sandino to approve Accession of *Tom's Thumb Rocks*, 2024, 18 x 24" framed acrylic on canvas, artist Gale Goldwoman. The motion passed unanimously.

5. UPDATES

5a. Temporary Art – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

- Tanya presented photos of three newly completed temporary art projects. The plinth on Scottsdale Road and Oak Street now features artwork by Nicole Davy titled, *Desert Bloom* that commemorates the influence of being born and raised in the Arizona desert. The plinth on Scottsdale Road and Roosevelt Street now features artwork by Zach Valent titled, *Oh Devil!* is an ode to Arizona's dust devils. The SRP pipe mural on Thomas Road and 82nd Street, called *A Gathering Place* by Shela Yu, celebrates the mutual necessity for water between people, plants, and animals.

5b. Raintree Drive Extension, artist Phillip K. Smith – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

- Tanya updated the board that the installation date for *TriHexCirc* by artist Phillip K. Smith has been set for May 30. It is in the final stages of fabrication in Denver.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

6a. Christine thanked board members who attended the Artrageous Gala: Cosmic Crescendo. The temporary artwork *Polymer* by artist Taylor Dean Harrison's was a success.

7. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

7a. Kati invited the board to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Groundbreaking and Tile Making Workshop with artist Kristine Kollasch. There will be another event to make tiles with Kristine in the near future.

7b. Ordinance

- Kati and the city have begun reviewing their drafts now, through the end of May. Advocacy with city council begins after they return from summer break between June and July. The tentative plan is to present to council in August.

7c. The draft FY25-29 Annual Art Plan will be presented to the SPA board at the May meeting.

7d. Save the Dates:

- April 11 – Flirting with the Desert by Artist Koryn Woodward Wasson Spring Exhibition at Civic Center Gallery Opens at 4 p.m.
- April 17 - McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Groundbreaking and Tile-Making Workshop with Artist Kristine Kollasch at 9 a.m.
- April 18 – Where We Walk, Scottsdale Residences, by Artist Charlene Falk Artwork Dedication at 6 p.m.
- April 21 – Cycle the Arts event at 7:30 a.m.
- May 3 – Breakaway, Drinkwater Underpass, by Artist Barbara Grygutis Artwork Dedication at 10

8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

- None

9. NEW/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- None.

10. NEXT SPA BOARD MEETING: May 8, 2024, at noon in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 PM was made by Jeff Miller and seconded by Elan Mizrahi.