



Scottsdale Arts – Scottsdale Public Art Advisory Board
February 14, 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: Allison Colwell, Kathy Duley, Russell Grossman, Christine Kovach, Bryanna McHenry, Jeff Miller, Elan Mizrahi*, Jaime Neufer, Janet Sandino, Cassandra Saba, Miho Schoettker

*via Zoom

Members Excused Absent: Jessicah Amrine, Mark Carroll, Dennis Robbins, Melody Salamo

Members Unexcused Absence: None

Staff Present: Gina Amato, Kati Ballares, Talia De La Garza, Tanya Galin, Wendy Raisanen

*via Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 12:05pm
2. **CONSENT AGENDA-**

2a. Consider Motion to Approve January 10, 2024, Minutes

A motion was made by Jaime Neufer and seconded by Kathy Duley to approve the consent agenda, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

2b. "Know Your Public Art" Trivia – Christine Kovach, Chair of SPA Advisory Board

SPA board member Jaime Neufer will prepare trivia questions for the March meeting. SPA board member Russell Grossman will prepare trivia questions for the April meeting.

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

3a. Consider Motion to Approve the Ratification of Votes from Email Approval AIPD: Ceasar's Republic – Stage 3, Artist Gordon Huether – Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

Kati presented photos of the completed artwork that were sent to the board via email, requesting their approval on January 25th. The email approval was initiated so the developers of the project could move forward with completion.

A motion was made by Jeff Miller and seconded by Kathy Duley to ratify and approve votes from the email approval for APID: Ceasar's Republic Stage 3. The motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATES

4a. Temporary Plinths Artwork – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

- Tanya presented the artists and final designs selected for the next cycle of temporary public art at the plinth on Scottsdale Road and Oak Street and the plinth on Scottsdale Road and Roosevelt Street. The artist selected for the plinth on Scottsdale Road and Oak Street is Nicole Davy. Davy's concept is titled *Desert Bloom*, an ode to the resilient beauty of the desert where flowers bloom in a desert landscape. *Desert Bloom* will be an aluminum sculpture with painted metal. The artist selected for the plinth on Scottsdale Road and Roosevelt Street is Zach Valent. Valent's concept is titled *Oh, Devil*, an ode to the dust devil outbursts of the desert. *Oh, Devil* will be a painted steel sculpture in the shape of a dust devil. Both artists are currently fabricating their artwork. Installation is scheduled for early morning on Tuesday, April 9th. Both artworks will be on display for one year.

4b. Ordinance Changes – Kati Ballares, Director of Public Art

- Kati updated the board on the ordinance change process. Kati is working closely with the city of Scottsdale on an exercise applying projected ordinance changes over the next five years, including taking a true 1% of the city's capital improvement budget and how that money would be utilized for maintenance, conservation, and new projects. Kati hopes to apply the exercise while crafting a 5-Year Art Plan that will be presented to the board this spring. The goal is to finalize the ordinance changes before the end of this calendar year.

4c. Maintenance and Conservation – Wendy Raisanen, Curator of Exhibitions and Collections

- Wendy updated the board on the four major conservation maintenance projects being completed this fiscal year. SPA was allocated a large one-time conservation maintenance fund from the city to accomplish these projects before the end of this fiscal year. The four projects are as follows:
 1. Remake rusting pillars from real horseshoes and relocate water jets at *Horseshoe Falls*, 2009 Michael Maglich.
 2. Repaint after city repairs one of the pillars at *Water Mark*, 2010 Laura Haddad, Tom Drugan.
 3. Replace all cracked acrylic panels at *Cactus Mirage*, 2007 Nori Sato.
 4. Remove and securely store *Diamond Bloom*, 2014 Curtis Pittman.

4d. *Diamond Bloom* at Museum of the West – Gina Amato, Lead Preparator

- Gina updated the board on the *Diamond Bloom* removal process. The process took one week to safely remove each piece of the artwork. Each of the glass fins remained intact. *Diamond Bloom* is being secured stored at the Scottsdale Police laydown yard at Civic Center. The construction at the Museum of the West will take roughly two years. A new location for *Diamond Bloom* will be determined closer to the completion of the construction. However, it is important that *Diamond Bloom* remains on-site at the Museum of the West or in close proximity as it is a site-specific artwork.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Christine Kovach reported:

- SMOCA's 25th Anniversary event was successful, with over 1,300 people in attendance.

Save the Dates:

- April 6th Scottsdale Arts Gala, *Cosmic Crescendo*

6. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

6a. Dale Eldred, *Time Light Fusion* Deaccession

- Kati reviewed deaccession criteria with the board and encouraged board members to review deaccession documents uploaded to the SPA Board Portal, including a copy of the VARA Rights, SPA's Collections Policy, and SPA's Best Practices.
- "The Acquisitions Committee and the SPA Advisory Board may deem it necessary to deaccession objects for the collection's betterment. In considering an object or groups of objects for deaccessioning, the public art program must be ever aware of its role as trustee of collections for the benefit of the public."

6b. Arizona Forward Awards

- Kati reported that artist Tammi Lynch-Forrest, whose mosaic artwork in Civic Center titled "The Desert's Garden," was nominated for Arizona Forward's Environmental Excellence Award. Sam Campana submitted a nomination application on Lynch-Forrest's behalf. Kati will attend the award ceremony with Lynch-Forrest on March 23rd.

6c. Save the Dates:

- April 6th – Scottsdale Arts Gala, *Cosmic Crescendo*

- April 11th – *Flirting with the Desert: Koryn Woodward Wasson* Spring Exhibition at Civic Center Gallery Opens
- April 21st – Cycle the Arts event.

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Christine Kovach reported:

- Save the Date: April 6th Scottsdale Arts Gala, *Cosmic Crescendo*.
- Last year's financial audit was approved by the board of trustees.

8. NEW/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- None.

9. NEXT SPA BOARD MEETING: March 13, 2024, at noon in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:08 PM was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Janet Sandino.