



Scottsdale Arts – Scottsdale Public Art Advisory Board
May 10, 2023, at noon
Mezzanine Conference Room (MCR)
7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251
Directions/Information: Scottsdale Public Art, 480-874-4640

MINUTES

Members Present: Jessica Amrine (by proxy), Allison Colwell, Kathy Duley, Chris Irish, Christine Kovach, Bryanna McHenry*, Jeff Miller, Elan Mizrahi (by proxy), Jaime Neuffer, Dennis Robbins, Cassandra Saba*

*via Zoom

Members Excused Absent: Erik Peterson, Melody Salamo

Members Unexcused Absence: None

Staff Present: Kati Ballares, Tanya Galin, Talia Ghaffari, Jennifer Gill, Wendy Raisanen, Victoria Sajadi

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 12:03pm
2. **CONSENT AGENDA-**

2a. Consider Motion to Approve April 12, 2023, Minutes

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

3. **ACTION ITEMS**

3a. Consider Motion to Approve AIPD Stage 2: Final Public Art Plan for Hazel & Azure – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

Tanya introduced the developer and owner of ZOM Living, Nick Rahman and art consultant, Valerie Vadala Homer to present to the board. The intent of the project is to provide key public realm pedestrian improvements and connections by building pedestrian access to the development and surrounding streetscape (Canal Park, Central Outdoor Plaza, Deck Space). This will be accomplished by three tile murals and two sculptures with 24/7 access designed to become a destination for gatherings, enhance architecture and landscape, and increase pedestrian flow and connectivity. Four artists were selected from a group of 21 candidates; the tile muralists are Lynn Masa based in Chicago, Ali Silverstein based in Los Angeles and Santa Fe, and Ali Koch based in Austin. Peter Deise is the selected sculptor. The total budget for this project is \$517,852 including mural materials,

labor/installation, and artist design fees for the artwalk, the two sculpture commissions, and design development fee. The proposed timeline is as follows: acquire the building and improvement permit to begin construction by Jul.-Sept 2023, design fabrication and preparation for installation at sites by Jan.-Dec. 2024, complete art installation by April-June 2025, and Stage 3 Certification Approval in Jul.-September 2025.

A motion was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Allison Colwell to approve AIPD Stage 2: Final Public Art Plan for Hazel & Azure. The motion passed unanimously.

3b. Consider Motion to Approve Reata Ranch Sports Complex Public Art, Final Design – Victoria Sajadi, Public Art Coordinator

Victoria introduced artist Troy Neiman to present his final design titled “32 Polygon Plaza” to the board. Troy’s inspiration lends itself to soccer being the main sport played in the park, the history behind the iconic black/white soccer ball pattern, and lastly the making of the soccer ball shape constructed of 32 Polygons, 12 Pentagons and 20 Hexagons that makes a Truncated Icosahedron. The artwork will be located at the overlook viewing the fields, which is a central gathering location near the breezeway, restrooms, and parking lot of the park. Allison Colwell mentioned it is important to reach out to City Risk Management regarding the gaps between the polygon podiums at the overlook to make sure they do not impose a safety concern, especially to children. The budget for this project is \$90,000.

A motion was made by Jaime Neuffer and seconded by Jeff Miller to approve Reata Ranch Sports Complex Public Art, Final Design. The motion passed unanimously.

3c. Consider Motion to Approve Thompson Peak Dog Park Public Art, Artist Finalist & Alternate – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

Tanya updated the board regarding the selected artist finalist Shachi Kale, and alternate Merryn Alaka for the project. Board member Erik Peterson was on the artist selection panel. If approved by the board, Shachi will begin working on her concept design. The budget is \$36,000.

A motion was made by Chris Irish and seconded by Jaime Neuffer to approve Thompson Peak Dog Park Public Art, Artist Finalist & Alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

4. UPDATES

4a. SPA Board FY 23-24 Officers and Board Renewals Update – Jaime Neuffer, Nominations Committee Chair

Jaime updated the board that Elections will take place at the June 14th meeting. He presented the FY 23-24 voting slate including three new board member nominations for their 1st term, Mark Carroll, Janet Priset Sandino, and Russel Grossman. In addition, re-election for Jessicah Armine’s 3rd term, re-election for Bryanna McHenry’s 2nd term, and re-election for Cassandra Saba’s 3rd term of her NextGen appointment. Jaime nominated Christine Kovach for Chair, Jeffrey Miller for Vice Chair, and Kathy

Duley for Past Chair. The board agreed on all nominations unanimously. The Nominations Committee will meet again in September to consider a new group of board member candidates.

4b. Juneteenth Temporary Art Update – Tanya Galin, Public Art Manager

Tanya presented an update on the artist and artwork that will be featured at the City of Scottsdale's Juneteenth event taking place at Civic Center on Saturday, June 17th from 2pm – 7pm. Artist Mia B. Adams' artwork installation is a 40-foot-long quilt in the form of a red velvet cake titled "Freedom Cake". Mia is utilizing materials cotton, wood, and acrylic mirror sheets to build "Freedom Cake". Juneteenth celebrations traditionally have red foods to symbolize resilience and joy. The cake will have a piece removed, revealing three red velvet cake layers, representing the nearly two and a half years that free people were still enslaved. The quilt will feature 900 tumbling blocks to represent the 900 days that passed when enslaved people were unaware, they were free. After the event takes place, the artwork will be on display in the atrium at the Center for the Performing Arts through June 28th.

5. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Kathy Duley reported the following:

- Former board member Audrey Horne passed away; a card was passed around the room for board members to sign, to be sent to the Horne family.

6. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR

6a. FY 24 Public Art Plan Presentation Draft

6b. Ordinance Schedule Changes

7. BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Dennis Robbins reported the following:

- The Board of Trustees' Gala took place on June 1st at Civic Center and was a successful evening.
- Stage 2 renovation was approved for next year's budget.

8. NEW/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- None

9. NEXT SPA BOARD MEETING: June 14, 2023, 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 was made by Christine Kovach at 1:45pm