



Scottsdale Arts – Scottsdale Public Art Advisory Board
December 11, 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: Spencer Bell, Mark Carroll*, Christine Kovach, Leah Manbeck, Bryanna McHenry, Jeff Miller, Elan Mizrahi, Jaime Neufer, Cassandra Saba, Melody Salamo, Janet Sandino, Miho Schoettker*, Anne Travous

*via Zoom

Members Excused Absent: Russell Grossman, Stephanie Lyon

Members Unexcused Absence: None.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA-**

2a. Consider Motion to Approve October 9, 2024, Minutes

Jaime Neufer moved, seconded by Janet Sandino, to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **“Know Your Public Art” Trivia presented by board member Leah Manbeck**

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

4a. Consider Motion to Approve Temporary SMOCA Mural Artist and Design – Gina Amato, Lead Preparator

Gina presented a temporary project in collaboration with the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA). SPA is leading a temporary mural site measuring 18' high x 20' wide located on SMOCA's south-facing wall along 2nd Street in Old Town Scottsdale. This mural would be replaced annually, supplemented with additional funds from the Community Arts Trust for the second year (FY25-26). The artist's budget is \$11,000, and the funds come from SPA's temporary art budget. Board member Russell Grossman was on the artist selection panel. The panel's number one selection was artist Kayla Newnam, whose design is titled *Big 'Ole Gecko*. The design is of a large desert gecko with a shadow that makes the mural look 3D. The artist is set to begin the mural on February 10 and complete it by March.

Jaime Neufer moved, seconded by Melody Salamo, to approve the Temporary SMOCA Mural Artist and Design. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **UPDATES**

5a. **Tributary Wall Maintenance Funding**

The one-time conservation maintenance funds approved by City Council in 2023 did not cover the full cost of repair expenses for *Tributary Wall*, so the remaining funds went to repairing *Water Mark*. A request was made for additional funds. In early December, City Council approved additional funds up to \$300,000 to repair the gabion wall at *Tributary Wall*. SPA is coordinating with Magnum, who will fabricate the repairs set to start this Spring.

5b. Studio Tour with Kris Kollasch

Kris Kollasch hosted SPA and city members at her home studio tour for an update on her fabrication progress with her design for the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Victoria presented photos of complete tiles designed by community groups in addition to complete parts of the project, including the large saguaro cacti made of railroad tracks and tiles.

6. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

5a. January board meeting

Christine and SPA board members discussed and agreed to move the January board meeting from January 8 to January 15 to allow SPA staff additional time to prepare for the meeting.

Christine thanked SPA board members who volunteered at the Info Booth at Canal Convergence.

7. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

7a. Ordinance and Master Planning

The ordinance timeline has shifted. Updates can be expected in 2025.

8. BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

Christine updated the SPA board that the Board of Trustees approved the annual audit.

The Scottsdale Arts re-brand and website overhaul is expected to launch in August 2025.

9. NEW/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None.

10. NEXT SPA BOARD MEETING: January 15, 2025 at noon in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts 7380 E. 2nd Street, Scottsdale, AZ 85251

11. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: Jaime Neuffer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m., which was seconded by Elan Mizrahi.