

CITY OF PEORIA, AZ

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION WORK PLAN

Arts, Culture, & Library Services

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MEMBERS

POSITION	NAME
Chair	Julia Smock
Vice Chair	Tricia Heller
Members	Robert Panzer, Christopher Vigil, Julie Jaegge, Shawn Hulsizer, vacant

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) Set priorities for and plan development of public art activities in Peoria and may cooperate with other public and private agencies in performing its duties.
- (2) Raise the level of awareness and involvement of all citizens in the preservation, expansion and enjoyment of public art in Peoria.
- (3) Establish and carry out, as permitted by law, the policy of inclusion of art in public services of the City and the development of facilities to provide for the exhibition and display of the arts.
- (4) Implement recommendations adopted by the City Council.
- (5) Recommend proposals for the development of public art and related facilities including corporate and private public art.
- (6) Coordinate with the private and corporate sectors and other governmental agencies in promoting arts excellence as a tool for the encouragement of economic development, business relocation and tourism.
- (7) Organize and promote activities and events that celebrate the City and its unique cultural diversity.
- (8) Review and recommend use of allocated and budgeted funds for arts funding, subject to the City Charter and the provisions of this code and assist in recommending the development of public facilities to be used for the performing and visual arts.
- (9) Recommend where works of public art should be placed.
- (10) Apply for and accept gifts, grants, funds, contributions and bequests in furtherance of the purposes of this section, from individuals, public and private entities, agencies, foundations, trusts, corporations, and other organizations or institutions. The City shall account for all proceeds received in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.
- (11) Consult with staff regarding arts related to capital improvement projects, percent for the arts projects, arts programming, budgets and schedules.
- (12) Recommend the selection and commissioning of artists with respect to the design, execution, and placement of works of art for which appropriations have been made.
- (13) Advise the appropriate City departments concerning maintenance requirements of works of art, and recommend the type, frequency and extent of maintenance required to preserve the quality and value of such works. Any proposed work of art that demonstrates extraordinary operations or maintenance expense, shall be approved by the City Council.
- (14) Recommend payment for the design, execution and placement of works of art, within the appropriations in connection with specific projects or from designated appropriations to the Municipal Art Fund.
- (15) Establish guidelines for accepting, selecting, purchasing, commissioning, placing, and maintaining City art acquisitions, gifts or temporary use and placement of loaned art.
- (16) Recommend the use of the Municipal Arts Funds for the design, engineering, construction and operation of facilities owned by the City in whole or in part for the performing and visual arts.

ARIZONA STATE CONSTITUTION AND STATUTE REFERENCES AND CITY OF PEORIA CITY CHARTER AND CITY CODE REFERENCES APPLICABLE TO THIS BOARD/COMMISSION

Sec. 3-7 – Arts Commission; definitions

Sec. 3-8 – Arts Commission; establishment and membership

Sec. 3-9 – Arts Commission; powers and duties

Sec. 3-10 – Arts Commission; Municipal Arts Fund; placement of artwork

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- FY25 Arts & Event Grants totaling \$264,000 for 40 programs by 25 organizations, with expanded categories of funding
- Expansion of Utility Box Art Wraps program – 40 boxes wrapped throughout the city
- HOLA Temporary Art Program – Joining other West Valley Cities in this new venture
- Restoration of Public Art-Public Art Collection Assessment and Recommendations
- Rotation of all City Art at Municipal Buildings
- Mayor’s Young Artist Exhibits – Fall and Spring showcase featuring all elementary schools in PUSD
- Arts and Cultural Festival partnership with PUSD – Moved to City Hall Campus
- August Acoustics, September Mix, and Global Sounds music series at PCPA
- New programming at the PCPA featured two holiday concerts and a Spring arts showcase featuring four events including a Latin comedy night
- Launched Made in Arizona Film Series at the PCPA
- Music in March concerts at Paloma Community Park
- Light at Play 2-week art installation in Osuna Park (year 2)

COUNCIL GOALS

GOAL	NOTES
Innovative Government	Support and advise on location/type of arts, programs, and amenities to equitably serve Peoria residents and attract visitors.
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Economic Development	The connection of Arts and Culture to the small business community is essential for the success of artists, business, and residents. Tourism will flourish in a city with arts and cultural opportunities and amenities.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE INITIATIVES

ASSIGNMENT	NEXT STEP
Barrel Cactus relocation/repair	Dichroic glass for small sculpture will be received in 8 weeks
The Family relocation to Downtown	Scheduled for January 2025

UPCOMING GOALS

Increased cultural diversity programming across all events
Functional public art projects located in city parks

RECRUITMENT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Overview: Recognizing the benefits of a public art program on the quality of life in the community, citizens with a worldview of a variety of arts experiences and opportunities are encouraged to be on the Peoria Arts Commission. Understanding of a variety of art forms and special events is desirable as the commission makes recommendations in these areas. Focus on creating programs that are diverse, equitable, and inclusive is a priority for the Arts Commission.

Time Commitment:

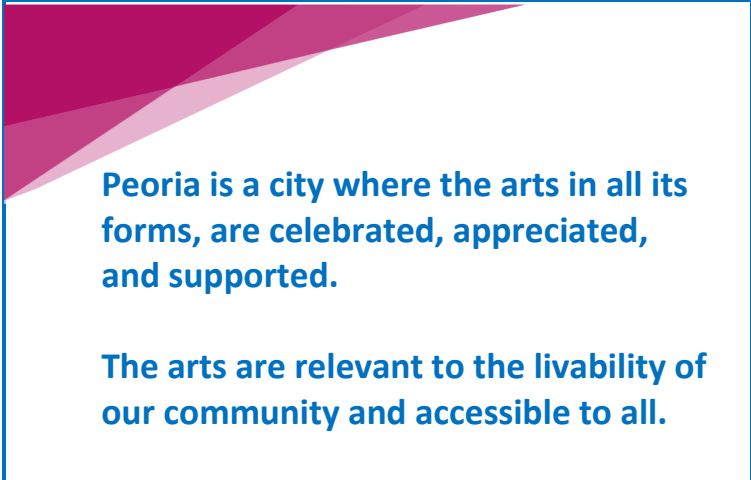
The Arts Commission meets once a month on the fourth Tuesday, with the exception of July, November, and December.

Responsibilities and Duties:

Conduct open public meetings. Provide insight and interest on arts and culture topics. Attend events and act as arts ambassador and liaison with community.

Qualifications:

Peoria citizenship is required. Arts experience is not required, but appreciated.



Peoria is a city where the arts in all its forms, are celebrated, appreciated, and supported.

The arts are relevant to the livability of our community and accessible to all.