

MINUTES OF THE  
**PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 ON WEDNESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2022 at 1:00 PM  
 COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

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*The adoption of the minutes does not imply the adoption of all recommendations. Refer to the accompanying recommendations document in the meeting agenda.*

**1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:**

PRESENT:

Mayor Matt Paterson (*Chair*)  
 Deputy Mayor Eli Melky (*arrived at 1:18pm*)  
 Councillor Allison Bitar  
 Miriam Wallace, Susan Dugdale & Associates  
 Jeanette Shepherd, Red Hot Arts Central Australia  
 Viktor Petroff, Arts NT (via Zoom)

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kate Walsh, Acting Manager Community and Cultural Development  
 Mark Goode, Acting Director Technical Services  
 Telly Ociones, Executive Assistant (*minutes*)

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Marli Banks  
 Charlie Freedman, Watch this Space  
 Eloise Lindebeck, Papunya Tjupi Arts  
 Veronica Judge, Central Craft  
 Robert Jennings, Chief Executive Officer  
 Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services

14th Alice Springs Town Council Public Art Advisory Committee	24 Nov -2021	9 Feb - 2022			
Mayor Matt Paterson	✓	✓			
Councillor Marli Banks	✓	A			
Deputy Mayor Eli Melky	✓	✓			
Councillor Allison Bitar	✓	✓			
Miriam Wallace	✓	✓			
Jeanette Shepherd	✓	✓			
Bron Field / Veronica Judge	✓	A			
Viktor Petroff	✓	✓			
Eloise Lindebeck	✓	A			
Charlie Freedman	A	A			

✓	Attended	A	Apology received
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member	--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Not a member		

The meeting opened at 1:07pm.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:**

Nil

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

**That the minutes of the Public Art Advisory Committee meeting held 24 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.**

Moved: Councillor Allison Bitar  
Seconded: Jeanette Shepherd

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**4.1 Public Art Master Plan & Action Plan**

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alice Upcycle Art Prize will occur this year. Expressions of Interest open on Monday 7 February 2022 with exhibition from 17 June to 3 July 2022. Promotion will occur in the following days.

**4.2 PAAC Budget (Standing Item)**

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that the PAAC budget, after expenses and committed costs comes to a loss of **-\$6,980**.

The Committee agreed to seek additional funds from Council so that planned projects and activities in the Public Art Action Plan can be supported.

**RESOLVED:**

It is a recommendation from the Public Arts Advisory Committee to Council:

**That Council provides additional funding of \$6,980 to the Public Art Advisory Committee budget from the Public Art Advisory Committee Reserve.**

**CARRIED**

Moved: Councillor Allison Bitar  
Seconded: Jeanette Shepherd

**4.3 Terms of Reference**

Manager Community and Cultural Development advised that the Terms of Reference for all Advisory Committees are being reviewed to align with the most recent Local Government Act and to look at the role of Elected Members to Advisory Committees.

Discussion ensued as to the relevance and goals of the Public Art Advisory Committee in the arts community and how it is going to move forward to the future.

Points of discussion include:

- Committee is still valuable and can still push forward more public art in an integrated way
- Public art is a lot more than visual art; it can be soundscapes, etc, and this can be discussed and expanded moving forward to the future
- Consider the make-up of the Committee, in terms of how decisions are made when assessing public art EOIs. Sometimes conversations are being led more from the Elected Members than the Committee member representatives from art organisations who are experts in their field.
- In terms of decision-making component, suggestion that a panel of a small group of people is easier to reach an outcome when making decision to determine artwork, than involving the whole Committee.
- Chairing component – getting feedback from each Committee member is important
- Goals and objectives and frequency of meeting of the Committee should be reviewed moving forward to make better use of the Committee members' time. At the moment, most of the objectives in the Terms of Reference are all operational.
- The Public Art Action Plan has merits to implement in alignment with the Public Art Master Plan moving forward
- Public art is important and should be represented with inputs from different art organisations
- Maintaining a group of skilled people through PAAC is important and has a significant role in implementing and advocating public art making sure it has a voice in the Council's process.

**ACTION:**

Manager Community and Cultural Development to draft new Terms of Reference to present to a future Committee meeting.

**5. DEPUTATION:**

Nil

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**6.1 Red Hot Arts Representative on PAAC**

The General Manager for Red Hot Arts is going to be a job share role between Jeanette Shepherd and MJ Warfield. Jeanette and MJ will take turns attending these meetings in the future.

**6.2 Arts NT Grants Launch**

Vicktor Petroff advised that some arts project grants are now open for five weeks. Anyone interested and want to get more information can contact Vicktor at Arts NT.

**7. NEXT MEETING: 1:00pm, Wednesday 9 March 2022**

**8. CLOSURE OF MEETING: The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm**