

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow Arts Council held on September 118, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room, 119 E First Street, Winslow, Arizona.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Chavez  
Councilmember L. Sahmie  
Councilmember R. Sahmie  
Councilmember M. Chavez

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Dixon

**STAFF**

David Coolidge, City Manager  
Cynthia Villalpando (Recording Secretary)  
Danielle Therio, City Liaison

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lazzarini at 5:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed. Roll was called.

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Chavez seconded by Councilmember R. Sahmie to not excuse councilmember Dixon. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, and M. Chavez voting yes.

**Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes – July 21, 2025**

Motion: Moved by Council Chairperson Chavez, seconded by Councilperson Mary Chavez, to approve the July 21, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Chavez and Councilmembers L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, and M. Chavez voting yes.

**STATUS REPORT**

The City Manager, David Coolidge, welcomed members and provided an overview of the Arts Council's responsibilities under city code. Key points included:

The Arts Council is charged with developing comprehensive plans for artistic resources in Winslow, assessing community needs, and acting as an advisory body to City Council.

Membership terms are three years and staggered; absences of three consecutive meetings must be reported to City Council for possible action.

Annual presentations to City Council on the Arts Council's activities are required, typically in January or February.

Budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year will take place in January, with Council members expected to identify anticipated revenues and expenditures, including potential grants.

It was noted that Cynthia Villalpando has been appointed as Recording Secretary, and Danielle Therio, Library Program Coordinator, will serve as City liaison.

The Council also discussed the establishment of officers, confirming Monique Chavez as Chairperson and agreeing to formally add the Vice Chair position to the next agenda, with nomination of Lisa Sahmie.

## **COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. Discussion and/or action: Halloween Parade in the Park**

The Council voted to participate in the Halloween Parade in the Park scheduled for Friday, October 31, 2025. Members agreed the theme would feature an alien/UFO display. Most supplies are already available in storage, with additional needs limited to candy, small prizes, and fog juice.

Motion: Moved by Council President Chavez, seconded by Vice Chair Sahmie, to allocate \$500 for Halloween Parade expenses.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **B. Art Car and Art Plane Projects**

The Council discussed the ongoing Art Car and Art Plane projects. While conceptual plans are in place for installation of the donated airplane as a monument near the airport, cost estimates have not yet been received from the contractor. The Council agreed to table the item until updated information is available.

It was noted that Wiseman Aviation has pledged \$5,000 toward completion of the Art Plane project.

### **C. Christmas Light Contest**

The Council voted to continue the annual Christmas Light Contest, now entering its fifth year. Contest rules and prizes were established as follows:

Residential winners: 1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50.

New category: Commercial Property, with the winner to receive a plaque.

Entries will be accepted November 28 – December 5. Photos will be taken December 6, voting will begin December 8, and winners will be announced December 23.

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Sahmie, seconded by Councilperson Mary Chavez, to approve the Christmas Light Contest with a budget of \$25 for ornaments, plaques, and door hangers, and cash prizes as outlined above.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **D. Christmas Parade 2025**

The Council discussed participation in the Christmas Parade scheduled for November 22, 2025. As the theme has not yet been announced, the Council set aside funds to prepare once it is determined.

Motion: Moved by Council President Chavez, seconded by Councilperson Randall Sahmie, to allocate \$600 for Christmas Parade participation.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **E. Face Painting at Library Outdoor Movie Night**

The Council considered a request to provide face painting at the Library's Outdoor Movie Night on October 7, 2025. Due to scheduling conflicts, members were unable to commit and voted not to participate.

#### **Discussion and/or Action Regarding Future Agenda Items**

Halloween Parade in the Park (follow-up)

Art Car/Art Plane Project update

Christmas Parade 2025 (theme and design)

Christmas Light Contest (progress update)

Display of stored Arts Council artwork at local facilities

#### **Adjournment**

Motion: Moved by Councilperson Chavez, seconded by Councilmember L. Sahmie, to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Chairperson Chavez and Councilmembers M. Chavez, L. Sahmie, and R. Sahmie voting yes.

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Chairperson Chavez

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Villalpando, Recording Secretary