



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE WINSLOWARTS COUNCIL MEETING**

January 22, 2026

Development Services Conference Room

119 E First Street

Winslow, Arizona 86047

5:15 p.m.

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

The mission of the Winslow Arts Council is to recognize, promote and encourage the arts in the City of Winslow in order to enhance the quality of life for its residents. This will be accomplished through community involvement, education, sponsorship of cultural events and provision of opportunities for expressing creativity in the visual and performing arts. The Arts Council will assist and advise the City Council in making decisions relating to the arts.

AGENDA

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arts Council of the City of Winslow, Arizona, and to the general public that the Winslow Arts Council will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. at Winslow Development Services Conference Room, 119 E First Street, Winslow, Arizona 86047. **MEMBERS OF THE ARTS COUNCIL MAY JOIN THE MEETING IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY BY DIALING 928-289-8412 AND ENTERING PIN #123321.**

- 1. Call to Order – (Please Remember to Silence All Cell Phones)**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation/Moment of Silence**
- 3. Roll Call - Excuse Absent Members**
- 4. Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes of November 20, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- 5. Status Reports**
 - A. Christmas Parade – A Christmas Fiesta
 - B. Display of Stored Artwork
- 6. Discussion and/or Action Regarding Planning For Upcoming Events and/or Projects**
 - A. Christmas Light Contest
 - B. Art Plane Project
 - C. Budget Planning Session
 - D. 2026 Calendar Events
- 7. Future Agenda Items**
- 8. Adjournment**

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These minutes are subject to approval and/or correction on January 15, 2026

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Winslow Arts Council held on November 20, 2025 at 5:15 p.m. in the Development Services Conference Room, 119 E First Street, Winslow, Arizona.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vice Chair L. Sahmie
Councilmember Dixon
Councilmember M.Chavez
Councilmember R. Sahmie (telephonically)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Council Chair Chavez

STAFF

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

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

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair L. Sahmie seconded by Councilmember Dixon to excuse Council Chair Chavez. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Chair L. Sahmie, Councilmember Dixon, M. Chavez, and R. Sahmie voting yes.

Discussion and/or Action to Approve Minutes – October 16, 2025

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair L. Sahmie, seconded by Councilperson M. Chavez, to approve the October 16, 2025 minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Chair L. Sahmie and Councilmembers R. Sahmie, Dixon, and M. Chavez voting yes.

Status Report – Halloween Parade in the Park

The Council reported that the Halloween Parade was successful and well-attended. Sufficient candy and supplies were available, and attendees responded positively to the event. While set-up went smoothly, staff noted that tear-down and storage continue to present challenges due to limited evening assistance. Overall, the Council expressed satisfaction with the event's outcome.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANNING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND/OR PROJECTS

A. Art Car/Plane Project

The Council noted that no new updates have been received on the Art Plane project. The group is still awaiting an estimate from AZE for the concrete pad foundation.

This item will be included on a future agenda pending additional information.

B. Christmas Light Contest

The Council confirmed the previously established schedule that included the contest opening on November 28th with voting closing on December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. The Council discussed contest prizes and also clarified a new category for business entries that will require a donation to the Arts Council.

C. Display of Stored Arts Council Artwork

The Council discussed showcasing previously created Arts Council pieces currently stored and not regularly viewed by the public. Artwork will be displayed at Councilperson Randall Sahmie’s studio, rotating monthly. Introductory descriptions will accompany each piece.

The Council also discussed allowing the public to purchase small ornament-style artwork from the displayed pieces for a donation to the Arts Council, with staff keeping a simple record of any sales. This will begin with the display of the Arts Council’s tree artwork following the Christmas Parade.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Christmas Parade 2025 – Christmas Fiesta

The Council finalized preparations for the parade entry featuring the large tamale pot. Given forecasted rain, the Council will cover the float overnight with tarps and plastic sheeting to protect decorations and materials.

Future Agenda Items

The City Manager noted that planning discussions will be separated from action items on future agendas for clarity and smoother meeting flow.

Items expected on the December agenda include a planning update on the Art Plane Project and status reports on the Christmas Light Contest, the Display of Stored Artwork and the Christmas Parade.

The City Manager stated that a Budget Planning Session will be scheduled for January to establish its 2026 calendar of events and align anticipated expenses with revenue opportunities.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair L. Sahmie, seconded by Council, to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. Motion passed unanimously with Vice Chair L. Sahmie and Councilmembers M. Chavez, R. Sahmie, and Dixson voting yes.

Chairperson Chavez

ATTEST:

Cynthia Villalpando, Recording Secretary