

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 28<sup>th</sup> with voting closing on December 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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Chairperson Chavez

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Villalpando, Recording Secretary