

**These minutes are subject to approval and/or correction on September 21, 2023.**

Minutes of the special meeting of the Winslow Arts Council held on September 07, 2023 at 5:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 21 N. Williamson Ave., Winslow, Arizona

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Chavez  
Councilmember L. Sahmie  
Councilmember R. Sahmie  
Councilmember Dixon  
Councilmember Weishan

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Councilmember Williams  
Councilmember Yazzie

**STAFF**

Jessica Lewis, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. by L. Sahmie. The pledge was recited. A moment of silence was observed. Roll was called.

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

**MINUTE APPROVAL OF – July 28, 2023 Special Meeting**

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Chavez, seconded by Councilmember L. Sahmie, to accept minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, and Dixon voting yes.

**STATUS REPORT** – None

**COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

**A. Discussion and/or action re: Halloween**

Councilmember L. Sahmie asked the Council to change the theme to “Gingerbread House”. Still using the same layout, however she felt she had more ideas for the gingerbread theme over the “freak show” theme. Councilmembers agreed that theme would work for them, councilmembers then discussed DIY projects they would like to create.

**B. Discussion and/or action re: Dia De Los Muertos**

Councilmember discussed possible dates for this event and chose November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6-9pm. Story time with FOL 6-6:30pm, Folklorico Dancers 7-8pm Precession 8-9pm. A \$300.00 budget has been set for this event. The Recording secretary is waiting on communication from the Snow Drift Art Space to ensure we can cohost this event together.

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Chavez, seconded by Councilmember L. Sahmie, to allot \$300.00 for this event. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, Weishan, and Dixon voting yes.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember L. Sahmie, seconded by Councilmember Dixon, to host these event with the information above. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, Weishan, and Dixon voting yes.

**C. Discussion and/or action re: Christmas Parade**

L. Sahmie informed the council the theme for the Christmas Parade is “An Indigenous Christmas” and provided ideas such as: Having the male councilmembers dress in their traditional clothing but Christmas themed, asking artist to paint ornaments for the tree, she would also like to cut out a sleigh and attach it to R. Sahmie’s truck to make it look like Santa’s Sleigh, also donating a truck of wood and the Christmas tree once this event is over.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember L. Sahmie, seconded by Councilmember Dixon, to allot \$400.00 for wood. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, Weishan, and Dixon voting yes.

Motion: Moved by Councilmember L. Sahmie, seconded by Councilmember Dixon, to allot \$1,000.00 for materials. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, Weishan, and Dixon voting yes.

**D. Discussion and/or action re: Fall Dessert Auction**

Councilmembers discussed this item and have chosen to not do this event this year due to multiple things happening within the same month.

**E. Discussion and/or action re: Usage of Grant Funds**

The Recording Secretary opened discussion regarding the spending of given grant funds. The secretary expressed and tasked councilmembers to complete banners so they can be ordered. A call to Muralist will be posted to find a muralist.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION REGARDING FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: Moved by Chairperson Chavez, seconded by Councilmember R. Sahmie to Adjourn at 6:05pm. Motion passed unanimously with Councilmembers Chavez, L. Sahmie, R. Sahmie, Yazzie, Weishan and Dixon voting yes.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Jessica Lewis - Recording Secretary