

City of Montgomery
Government Affairs Committee
June 17, 2024

Staff Present

Brian Riblet
Matthew Vanderhorst
Connie Gaylor

Council Committee Members Present

Chris Dobrozsi, Chair
Catherine Mills-Reynolds
Sasha Naiman

The meeting of the Government Affairs Committee of City Council convened in Council Chambers at 4:15 p.m., with Mr. Dobrozsi presiding.

Public Works Surplus

Mr. Riblet explained to the Committee the attached list of equipment from the Public Works department is no longer of value and staff requests that the Committee declare the list as surplus to be sold on Govdeals.com.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to declare the list of equipment as surplus. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

2026 Calendar Theme Discussion

Mr. Vanderhorst explained that during the 2021 City Calendar process, it was decided that the Government Affairs Committee should approve the annual calendar theme. Arts Commission Member and Sycamore High School Art Teacher, Elise Williams, asked if the theme could be chosen early in the school year to allow time for the students to complete the project. He stated that Mrs. Williams has requested that her students submit pictures of their favorite seasons or events in Montgomery. He added that Mrs. Williams believes students who submit their own photos will be more invested in the art project. The students will be able to choose the scenes, the backgrounds or objects that they best excel at painting. Therefore, the proposed theme for 2026 is 'The City of Montgomery through our Young Artists' eyes'. Mr. Vanderhorst added the Calendar Team will review all the photos and approve or substitute new ones before the artwork begins.

Mrs. Naiman stated the importance of having diversity in the pictures.

Mrs. Mills-Reynolds suggested that each student submit two pictures to ensure there are enough to choose from.

Mr. Riblet stated that he would like to see the selections displayed somewhere at the Montgomery Quarter.

Mr. Mills-Reynolds made a motion to accept staff's proposed recommendation of the theme for the 2026 calendar. Mrs. Naiman seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Neighborhood Sycamore Bridges Service to the Community Grant Award Update

Mr. Vanderhorst explained that the Committee previously approved the award of a Service to the Community Grant to Neighborhood Sycamore Bridges in the amount of \$1,500 to be used towards the supplies for a Calming Room at Sycamore High School. He stated that since the time of the award the approval of the Calming Room has been changed and the request has

been adjusted to provide calming packs to be offered to all students, with the intent the same to offer a resource to students who need it.

The Committee discussed the request and approved the change of the award.

Minutes

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to approve the April 15 and May 13, 2024 minutes. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Interviews for the Arts Commission

Joan Murdoch and Miluska Risco were interviewed for a vacancy on the Arts Commission.

Executive Session

Mr. Dobrozsi asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Government Affairs Committee adjourned into Executive Session at 4:33 p.m.

The Government Affairs Committee reconvened into Public Session at 5:36 p.m.

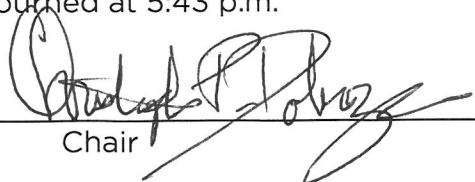
The Committee discussed the applicants for the Arts Commission.

Mrs. Naiman made a motion to recommend the appointment of Miluska Risco to the Arts Commission at the next council meeting. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

Adjournment

Mrs. Naiman moved for adjournment. Mrs. Mills-Reynolds seconded. The Committee unanimously agreed.

The Government Affairs Committee meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Chair