

**CITY OF BUCKEYE
Council Workshop Agenda
COUNCIL ACTION REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 09/01/26	AGENDA ITEM: 2.A. CS - Arts and Culture Plan
DATE PREPARED: 08/27/26	DISTRICT NO.: Citywide
STAFF LIAISON: Ilana Holden, Arts & Culture Manager, iholden@buckeyeaz.gov, (623) 349-6365	
DEPARTMENT: Community Services	AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Workshop Item

TIME NEEDED: 1 hour

ACTION/MOTION: (This language identifies the formal motion to be made by the Council)
Presentation and discussion by City staff and consultant Keen Independent Research to seek City Council's feedback regarding the Arts and Culture Plan, a planning document that will guide future development around arts and culture in the City for the next ten years and beyond (Approximate time: 1 hour).

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS AREAS:

A Safe and Sustainable Quality of Life

SUMMARY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Community Services Department, in collaboration with consulting firm Keen Independent Research (Keen), has initiated the Arts & Culture Plan, a comprehensive long-range planning document designed to guide the citywide development of cultural activities, programming, and public art. City Council initially identified the necessity for an Arts & Culture Manager position and recommended the formulation of this plan in early 2024. Following the allocation of budgetary resources this year, Keen was retained to inventory existing assets, analyze the current state of arts and culture within the municipality, and provide a ten-year strategic roadmap for arts and culture. The resulting draft plan incorporates extensive community feedback from over 700 participants gathered through stakeholder interviews, engagement boards, and a specialized questionnaire, encompassing both public art initiatives and broader cultural programming. Keen is presenting this draft to the Mayor and Council to solicit feedback on the proposed recommendations and strategic priorities. The plan features structured implementation guidelines with goal start dates ranging from fiscal year 2027 through 2037. The primary objectives of this Council workshop are to provide Mayor and Council with an overview of the community engagement and how this shaped the plan's recommended strategic priorities and objectives. The draft plan was previously presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission (7/14/26) and the Community Services Advisory Board (7/15/26).

BENEFITS:

The Arts & Culture Plan will provide necessary guidance and structure for the development of the City's public art and cultural programming.

FUTURE ACTION:

Based on feedback received from Council during the workshop and from comments submitted by residents and stakeholders during the public review of the draft plan, Keen Independent Research will

incorporate recommended revisions and prepare the final Arts and Culture Plan. The finalized plan will then be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Community Services Advisory Board for consideration with a possible recommendation by each board for Council to approve the plan. The final plan will be taken to Council in October with a possible motion to approve the Arts and Culture Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

This is for presentation only and has no financial impact. The final plan will provide guidance for projects and activities to be included in future budgets.

BUDGETED:

Yes

FISCAL YEAR:

FY27

Items related to a project or facility location must include an attached vicinity map for Council Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

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