

CITY OF BUCKEYE
Planning and Zoning Commission Workshop
PLANNING ACTION REPORT

MEETING DATE: 07/14/26	AGENDA ITEM: 2.A. Arts and Culture Plan
DATE PREPARED: 07/09/26	DISTRICT NO.: All
STAFF LIAISON: Ilana Holden, Arts and 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 Voting Members) Presentation and discussion by City staff and consultant Keen Independent Research to seek the Planning and Zoning Commission's feedback regarding the Arts and Culture Plan, a planning document that will guide future development around arts and culture in the City (Approximate time: 1 hour).

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 the newly established Arts & Culture Division. The resulting draft plan incorporates extensive community feedback from over 700 participants gathered through stakeholder interviews, vision boards, and a specialized questionnaire, encompassing both public art initiatives and broader cultural programming. Keen is presenting this draft to the Planning & Zoning Commission to solicit feedback on the proposed recommendations and strategic priorities, with the finalized document slated to return to the Commission in October for consideration and a potential recommendation of approval to the Buckeye City Council. The plan features structured implementation guidelines with goal start dates ranging from 2027 through 2037. Accordingly, the primary objectives of this initial Planning and Zoning Commission workshop are to provide the Commission with an overview of the project's scope, schedule, intent, and goals, and to gather commissioner feedback for incorporation into the final draft. As this is a workshop session, no formal action is required at this time.

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:

It is anticipated that the Arts and Culture Plan will return to the Planning and Zoning Commission in October 2026 for recommendation of approval prior to formal Council adoption.

BUDGETED:

Yes

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

ATTACHMENTS:

