



Mesa City Hall Public Art Projects

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Celebrate our vibrant city and boldly announce Mesa as a premier location for people to live, work and visit.

Goals:

- Respond to interest and energy about adding public art to our Mesa environments.
- Create a beacon to viewers, communicating that Mesa is an innovative, welcoming community.
- Authentically enhance the city's sense of place.



City Hall Public Art: Five Components

1. Vertical interior sculpture
2. Exterior sculpture or series of sculptures
3. Interior display screen - digital art
4. Iconic Mesa Image for a perforated metal wall
5. Changing gallery wall to feature local artists

Process:

- Artist and artist teams respond to open call and competitive review process
- Finalist(s) chosen through staff and community/expert panel recommendations
- One artist or artist team commissioned for each opportunity

Three Major Commissioned Pieces:

1. Vertical Interior Sculpture
2. Exterior Sculpture or Series of Sculptures
3. Interior Display Screen, Digital Art

Timeline:

- Artist Selection Process April – September 2023
- Design Process: October 2023 – January 2024
- Fabrication: February – August 2024
- Installation: Fall 2024



Vertical Interior Sculpture

- Rising to 26' of available vertical space
- Visible at different levels and from the outside
- Lighting elements will give a stunning nighttime presence
- Budget: up to \$250,000

Exterior Sculpture (or series)

- Sculpture(s) will aesthetically fit surrounding native Sonoran Desert plants
- Artwork must be able to withstand extreme outdoor environmental conditions
- Lighting elements for an exciting nighttime presence
- Budget: up to \$250,000



Interior Display Screen, Digital Art

- Commission digital content for 16'x8' digital screen in public waiting area (e.g. video, animation, or other digital media)
- Inaugural content references the unique urban/desert environment of Mesa
- Option to use data visualization relevant to COM Climate Action Plan
- Budget: up to \$100,000



Perforated Metal Wall Red Mountain Image

- Image created by perforations in metal wall
- Celebrate the Sonoran Desert and feature a view of iconic Red Mountain
- Artist selection through RFQ process; criteria is prior landscape photography
- Budget: \$5,000

City Hall Gallery Wall

- Interior wall to display work by local/regional artists in periodic rotation
 - Call for artist(s) for first long-term exhibition to occur in Fall 2023/Winter 2024
 - Installation for grand opening of City Hall
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Questions or
Comments?





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