

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL CITIZEN'S FORUM
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - YUMA CITY HALL
ONE CITY PLAZA, YUMA, ARIZONA
April 18, 2017
5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nicholls called the City Council Citizen's Forum to order at 5:30 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Shelton, Miller, Knight, Thomas, Craft, and Mayor Nicholls
Councilmembers Absent: Wright
Staffmembers Present: City Administrator, Gregory K. Wilkinson
Various department heads or their representatives
City Attorney, Richard W. files
City Clerk, Lynda Bushong

I. COMMEMORATIVE STREET NAMING – Speaker was not present at this time

II. PUBLIC ART

Claudia De Forêt, 3742 West 20th Street, addressed City Council regarding the importance of public art. She proposed a city-wide exhibition that includes public programming and forming a unified vision of promoting a sustainable, contemporary art market. Art has the capability to transform lives and change perceptions, and a city-wide exhibition could increase export and import revenue and increase and sustain local business infrastructure which promotes quality of life.

Shelton asked who would act as a champion to move this cause forward. **De Forêt** stated that she sees herself as the lead facilitator in terms of creating a contemporary art market. **Thomas** asked if De Forêt was proposing collaboration with local businesses in order to accomplish the goals in her proposal. **De Forêt** explained that Yuma is known for its international companies that have both national and international markets, and linking with local businesses helps to promote the visibility of an art scene. **Thomas** asked if De Forêt had worked with any local artists or the Yuma Art Center. **De Forêt** stated that she has a relationship with local artists and is hoping to help foster a more growing and dynamic local art community. **Thomas** asked if there are opportunities for local artists who may not have international training to cultivate that part of their discipline. **De Forêt** stated that she is in the process of looking for a location to create a nonprofit contemporary art space that would include public programming, screenings, and exhibitions.

III. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (Thomas/Knight): To adjourn the meeting into Executive Session. Voice vote: **approved** 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

Lynda L. Bushong, City Clerk

Douglas J. Nicholls, Mayor