

City of Phoenix

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City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85003*



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Agenda

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

10:00 AM

City Council Chambers

Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee

*Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilman Kevin Robinson
Councilwoman Debra Stark*

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CALL TO ORDER

000 CALL TO THE PUBLIC

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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Members:

Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilman Kevin Robinson
Councilwoman Debra Stark



Report

Agenda Date: 2/11/2026, Item No. 1

Minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting

This item transmits the minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting on January 26 for review, correction or approval by the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee.

THIS ITEM IS FOR POSSIBLE ACTION.

The minutes are included for review as **Attachment A**.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer and the City Manager's Office.

**Phoenix City Council
Economic Development and the Arts (EDA) Subcommittee
Summary Minutes
Monday, January 26, 2026**

City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Ariz.

Subcommittee Members Present
Councilwoman Ann O'Brien, Chair
Councilwoman Debra Stark
Councilman Kevin Robinson
Councilwoman Laura Pastor

Subcommittee Members Absent

CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman O'Brien called the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee to order at 10:01 a.m. with Councilwoman Pastor present in person, and Councilwoman Debra Stark and Councilman Kevin Robinson attended the meeting virtually.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

1. Minutes of the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee Meeting

Councilman Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2026, Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee meeting. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEM 2)

2. Aviation Land Reuse Strategy Land Disposal Located on Madison Street: Three Parcels within Area A

Community and Economic Development (CED) Director Ryan Touhill and Economic Development Program Manager Thomas Sawyer presented on the item.

Councilwoman Pastor asked for confirmation if a Request for Proposal (RFP) had been initiated for the two-parcel land owned by Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) located on Washington Street.

Mr. Sawyer confirmed an RFP for the parcels on Washington Street was being prepared.

Councilwoman Pastor asked for clarification on why the RFPs had been canceled for the parcels between Washington Street and Jefferson Street.

Mr. Sawyer explained the parcels between Washington Street and Jefferson Street had an RFP issued but it was later canceled due to lack of response.

Councilwoman Pastor then asked if another RFP for those parcels would be issued.

Mr. Sawyer noted Council had authorized direct negotiations, but indicated if there was interest, another RFP could be issued in the future. A final decision had not yet been made.

Councilwoman Pastor asked whether CED had the authority to issue an RFP for the parcels between Washington and Jefferson Streets. She also sought clarification on the reasoning for not issuing an RFP for those parcels.

Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer noted when an RFP is issued and receives no interest or submittals, CED has the authority to pursue direct negotiations to explore potential development of the property.

Mr. Sawyer confirmed one RFP had been issued but was canceled due to lack of response, and direct negotiations were in progress. For NSD parcels located on Washington Street, an RFP had not yet been issued, and responses or non-responses would be required before entering direct negotiations.

Councilwoman O'Brien requested an estimated timeline for when an RFP will be issued for the parcels on Washington Street owned by the Neighborhood Services Department.

Director Touhill stated CED was tentatively planning to issue the RFP for the site in late summer. He explained CED staff were in the process of hiring additional staff to restore capacity and prioritize several other RFPs. Prioritization was expected to be completed within the next few weeks, and a timeline would be determined once staffing positions were filled.

Councilwoman Stark expressed support for the CED staff's recommendation to approve the sale of excess Aviation land to Pilgrim Rest Foundation, Inc. noting the strong relationship the City has with the Pilgrim Rest Foundation, Inc.

Councilman Robinson reinforced Councilwoman Stark's remarks regarding the strong relationship with Pilgrim Rest Foundation, Inc. and emphasized the significance of the substantial work and agreement involved.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked for clarification if the parcels on Madison Street could be used for residential development.

Mr. Sawyer stated the parcels on Madison Street could not be used for residential use.

Councilwoman O'Brien proceeded with the Request to Speak for Item 2.

Mr. Jerald Goode stated his father late Phoenix Councilman Calvin C. Goode had long envisioned affordable housing in the East Lake neighborhood in the property at 1414

East Jefferson and requested an opportunity to meet with staff to explore bringing affordable housing to the area as a tribute to his parents' legacy.

Councilwoman O'Brien asked CED staff to follow-up and meet with Mr. Jerald Goode.

Councilwoman Pastor supported the proposal, emphasizing the need for affordable housing and the importance of preserving Eastlake Park's history while advancing economic development.

Councilwoman Pastor made a motion to approve the item. Councilwoman Stark seconded the motion which passed unanimously, 4-0.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Dianne Barker expressed appreciation for the Goode Family's presence, recalling personal connections to the late Phoenix City Councilman Calvin Goode. Ms. Barker shared ideas for revitalizing Adams Street, including redeveloping the Hyatt Regency garage into a mixed-use space with hotels, retail, ASU facilities, and renewable energy education centers, while preserving historic buildings. She emphasized the potential for economic growth, competition for convention business, and the importance of promoting public transit use to energize the community.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dayana Rosas
Management Fellow



Report

Agenda Date: 2/11/2026, Item No. 2

Artists to Work Grants Program

This report provides the Economic Development and Arts Subcommittee with an overview of the Artists to Work Program.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

Summary

The arts inspire and bring joy to residents. They beautify public spaces, strengthen community pride and identity, and bolster the economy. The City of Phoenix has supported the arts and culture sector through organizational support with grants and bond programs and has supported individual artists through its public art program. Phoenix City Council allocated American Rescue Plan Act dollars to provide emergency relief assistance to Phoenix arts and culture organizations and individual artists. With a portion of those funds, the Office of Arts and Culture developed the “Artists to Work” grants program in 2023. This year's 2026 cohort of 10 artists are funded with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. A total of 75 Phoenix-based artists have been funded to date including the new 2026 cohort.

The Artists to Work grants program supports the creation and presentation of original, new, or in-process artistic work by practicing Phoenix artists. Awarded artists are required to complete a public presentation within the City of Phoenix boundaries that primarily benefits Phoenix residents. This presentation provides an overview of the program, including what it is, how it started, and what projects it has funded.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Frank McCune and the Office of Arts and Culture.



Report

Agenda Date: 2/11/2026, Item No. 3

Phoenix Economic Overview and Update

This report will provide the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee with an update of the current state of Phoenix's economy and economic transformation since the Great Recession.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

Summary

Phoenix has experienced significant economic growth and diversification since the Great Recession as a result of long-term investment in key industries, intentional alignment of land use and infrastructure, and strong public-private partnerships. Today, Phoenix demonstrates robust population growth, rising income opportunities, and a diversified employment base supported by an educated talent pool. Staff will provide an overview of the current Phoenix economy and highlight how these efforts have strengthened the City's national and global competitive position and established a strong foundation for future economic strategy.

This presentation begins a six part series led by the Community and Economic Development Department (CED) for the Economic Development and the Arts Subcommittee. Part 1 establishes a shared economic baseline. Future updates will provide a deep dive into talent, workforce, and industry alignment; land, real estate, and economic geography; state of downtown; global positioning and market access; and the future direction of Phoenix's economy. Together, the six part series is designed to support informed decision-making and facilitate robust discussion among the Subcommittee, City staff, and key stakeholders.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Ginger Spencer and the Community and Economic Development Department.