

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Cultural Commission
Monday, September 9, 2019 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members

Chair – Barbara D’Anneo	Vice Chair – Lupe Ramirez
Commissioner – Karen Abowd	Commissioner – Elinor Bugli
Commissioner – Christopher Leyva	Commissioner – Terri McBride
Commissioner – Mylo McCormick	

Staff

Mark Salinas, Arts and Culture Coordinator
Ben Johnson, Deputy District Attorney
Pierron Tackes, Deputy District Attorney
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.

(5:32:27) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Barbara D’Anneo, Chair	Absent	
Lupe Ramirez, Vice Chair	Present	
Karen Abowd	Present	
Elinor Bugli	Present	
Christopher Leyva	Absent	
Terri McBride	Present	
Mylo McCormick	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

(5:32:53) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez entertained public comments. Shoe Tree Brewing Company Brewmaster Paul Young presented the concept of “commissioning a sculpture of an actual shoe tree that we’d want to have at Burning Man.” Mr. Young wished to have Burning Man attendees hang shoes and write messages on the tree which would eventually be shellacked and permanently installed. He also explained that he had reached out to Mr. Salinas to inquire about available grants for the project. Mr. Salinas was pleased to see another local business get interested in the arts and offered to direct Mr. Young to the Nevada Arts Council and wondered whether a possibility may exist to use municipal funds towards public art. Commissioner McBride recommended exploring the “Celebrate Culture!” mini grants for the project. Commissioner Bugli noted that information collected for the Celebrate Culture! Grant may be used towards a Nevada Arts Council grant. Mr. Young thanked the Commission.

(5:36:32) – Sharon Rosse, Executive Director of Capital City Arts Initiative, announced a new exhibit titled

Saludos Amigos at the Courthouse Gallery, which was scheduled to open on October 4, 2019. She also stated that only three days were left to view *Graphically Defined*, a Western Nevada College exhibit, featuring the works of 17 students, in the Community Development building. Ms. Ross noted that a new exhibit, *Constellation*, featuring the works of nine UNR students, will replace *Graphically Defined* and invited the Commissioners to a reception on Friday, September 20, 2019, 5-6:30 p.m.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED

(5:38:43) – Mr. Salinas explained that Deborah Foster and Dana Childes will present item 5.A instead of Fred Howland. He also wished to have his presentation (item 7.A) follow item 6.A. as he believed it would help the Commissioners when considering item 6.B. Commissioner Bugli pointed out a correction in agenda item 6.A, noting that Nevada State Art Museum should read Nevada State Museum.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (July 8, 2019)

(5:40:30) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez introduced the item and entertained a motion. Mr. Salinas pointed out an error in the minutes (however, after reviewing the video portion, it was determined to be correct).

(5:41:18) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting, with a possible correction in item 5B, School Mural Program participant’s name.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	Bugli
AYES:	Ramirez, Abowd, Bugli, McBride, McCormick
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	D’Anneo, Leyva

5. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS

5.A PRESENTATION BY FRED HOWLAND, PRESIDENT, NEVADA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION, ENTITLED “NAA: PRESENT AND FUTURE”.

(5:41:44) – Vice Chair Ramirez introduced the item. Dana Childs introduced herself as the Marketing Coordinator for the Nevada Artists Association (NAA). Ms. Childs gave historic background and provided an overview of NAA. She also responded to clarifying questions by the Commissioners. There were no public comments.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

6.A DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CELEBRATE CULTURE! (CC!) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE NEVADA STATE ART MUSEUM IN CARSON CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500 FOR THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1-2, 2019.

(5:57:41) – Vice Chair Ramirez introduced the item. Ms. Tackes recommended reading any disclosures prior to the Staff Summary. Vice Chair Ramirez read a prepared statement noting that she would abstain from discussion and voting on the item due to a disqualifying conflict “as a planner and sponsor of the Museum’s event”.

(5:59:08) – Mr. Salinas gave background and provided the Staff Summary which is incorporated into the agenda materials. He also noted that this was an eligible grant and referenced the scoring criteria sheet he had provided the Commissioners, encouraging them to use it.

(6:00:38) – Nevada State Museum’s Mina Stafford gave background and presented the request, incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions by the Commissioners. Commissioner McBride inquired about a previous allocation in the amount of \$1,000 towards an associate event regarding the Celebration, noting that \$3,500 of the \$7,000 fund would be allocated for this event. Mr. Salinas noted that his presentation would address the use of the \$1,000 in item 7.A, and that the funds were allocated for the use of a photo booth. Commissioners Abowd and McBride commented on the growth of the event. Commissioner Abowd noted how the event had been able to embrace the community and believed it fully met the [scoring] criteria. Discussion ensued regarding the scoresheet and Mr. Salinas clarified that since they were not certain how many “ethnic-driven events” will come before the Commission, he recommended to “have the scoring as just on the side for your consideration, but not necessarily to take the added scores [and] multiply it, because, theoretically speaking, this could be the only applicant we get all year.” Ms. Tackes suggested entertaining public comment; however, none were forthcoming. Vice Chair Ramirez entertained a motion.

(6:10:32) – MOTION: I move to fund the Dia De los Muertos Community Celebration as requested but for \$2,000 (instead of the \$2,500).

(6:10:58) – Commissioner McBride clarified that the recommended amount would fund “part of the flooring and all of the artists’ honorariums”. Commissioner Bugli noted the importance of a safe dance floor, adding that the Brewery Arts Center (BAC) had a dance floor which they may rent out at a lower price, or provide as a co-sponsorship.

(6:12:01) – The motion was seconded by Commissioner Abowd.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-1)
MOVER:	McBride
SECONDER:	Abowd
AYES:	Abowd, Bugli, McBride, McCormick
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Ramirez
ABSENT:	D’Anne, Leyva

6.B DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND CARSON CITY CULTURE AND TOURISM AUTHORITY TO EXTEND THE FUNDING FOR THE ARTS AND CULTURE COORDINATOR POSITION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARSON CITY ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN.

(6:36:29) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez introduced the item. Mr. Salinas read the Staff Summary which is incorporated into the agenda. He reviewed a document that he had compiled (also incorporated into the record) showcasing “municipal arts issues in the news from this summer” by city and population. He also referenced the arts assets in Carson City, listed by ward that he included in the agenda materials. Mr. Salinas referenced the enclosed draft resolution and the attached late material documentation titled *Timeline of Carson City Municipal Action to Develop Arts and Culture* that depicted 11 years of community effort. He also emphasized the numerous grant funds he had brought into the City and the many impactful art and culture events he had created or facilitated. Additionally, Mr. Salinas reviewed an arts and culture timeline which involved consulting with many departments and creating new venues and programs to showcase local artists, community events, and cultural programs.

(6:54:02) – Commissioner McBride outlined the possible outcome of having the one percent tax approved by the Board of Supervisors. She believed that a formal recommendation by the Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority (CTA), to be voted on by the Board of Supervisors, could be an option; however, she believed that it would require backup data for approval. Commissioner McBride explained that Commissioner McCormick was planning to attend the upcoming CTA meeting in support of removing the sunset clause on the one percent transient lodging tax, adding that per the District Attorney’s Office, two or three commissioners may attend public meetings without constituting a quorum. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Abowd advised getting the CTA involved first and believed that showing investment by the City, the CTA, and the CTA Board will result in the receipt of grant funds. Further discussion ensued regarding the benefits of art to the community and the importance of data collection about the visitors and the transient lodging tax. Vice Chair Ramirez entertained public comments.

(7:11:17) – Ms. Rosse reported that the Capital City Arts Initiative’s Board of Directors had voted unanimously during its August meeting to continue to support the City’s art and culture position and read a written statement confirming their support.

(7:12:31) – Commissioner Abowd stated that she would most likely attend the CTA Board meeting, along with Commissioner McCormick and would provide public comment.

(7:13:07) – Vice Chair Ramirez entertained a motion.

(7:13:25) – MOTION: I move to approve the [proposed] Resolution as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	McCormick
AYES:	Ramirez, Abowd, Bugli, McBride, McCormick
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	D’Anneo, Leyva

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS:

7.A ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR REPORT

(6:13:24) – Mr. Salinas presented his report, incorporated into the agenda materials, and responded to clarifying questions. Vice Chair Ramirez offered the Commission’s help to Mr. Salinas and Commissioner McBride offered to help with centerpieces [for the Mayor’s Art Awards]. There were no public comments.

8. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS

(7:13:47) – Vice Chair Ramirez introduced the item. Mr. Salinas informed the Commission that Chairperson D’Anneo was absent due to shoulder surgery; however, she had inquired about the possibility of a closed session for a personnel discussion. Ms. Tackes explained that the Commission was bound by the Open Meeting Law, with very specific requirements for a closed meeting, as a public body. She also noted that a “personnel exception” was allowed; however, “it’s fairly tailored, so we would need a lot more specifics about doing that at a future meeting.” Ms. Tackes stated that the meeting had to be agendized with specific noticing requirements, and offered to work with the Chair to determine whether that could be done for the next meeting.

(7:15:34) – Commissioner Abowd announced that the upcoming Celebrity Chef Dinner event to benefit the Greenhouse Project will be held on November 11, 2019, in the Nevada Room of the Governor’s Mansion with Guest Chefs Charlie Abowd, Chris Nealan, and Collin Smith. She noted that the tickets were \$200 per guest and that there were sponsorship opportunities. She invited interested individuals to contact her for the tickets.

(7:16:20) – Commissioner McBride announced the closure of Thai Basil Restaurant and invited interested individuals to attend the final meal in two days, followed by “some dancing”.

(7:17:01) – Commissioner Bugli announced the Mile High Jazz Band’s Jazz and Poetry at Comma Coffee on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 and that the Carson City Symphony had “started the fall season with a whole bunch of activities” and offered a schedule in the form of a flyer.

(7:17:28) – Vice Chair Ramirez commended Mr. Salinas for “an amazing job he did at Empire Elementary School” and for making the mural project event very inclusive by speaking Spanish to many of the students. She also praised the bi-lingual mariachi band at the BAC and thanked Executive Director Gina Hill.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(7:19:43) – Mr. Salinas clarified that the Mayor’s Art Awards would be held on November 15th and not on November 13th as noted on the agenda.

- November 15, 2019 Mayor’s Art Awards, Gold Dust West, Carson City
- November 25, 2019, Carson City Cultural Commission Regular Meeting (due to the November 11, 2011 Veterans Day holiday)

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

None

12. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN.

(7:20:24) – Commissioner Abowd moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McBride. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The Minutes of the September 9, 2019 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are so approved this 25th day of November, 2019.