

# City of Las Vegas

ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, 400 STEWART AVENUE  
CITY CLERKS FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
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## MINUTES September 15, 2011 5:30 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

CHAIR McCOY called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR McCOY and MEMBERS PARROTT, GROGAN, BLUT, SMITH (via teleconference), RAMIREZ, EPSTEIN and DEANER

EXCUSED: MEMBERS SCHNEIDER, DENTON and NOWAK

NOTE: ELIZABETH HERRIDGE resigned as of 7/12/2011 and her seat will remain vacant until filled.

Also Present: LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Programming Specialist, CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK VICKY SKILBRED and DEPUTY CITY CLERK GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE - Meeting noticed and posted at the following locations: City Clerk's Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza, 2nd Floor Skybridge; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; Bulletin Board, City Hall Plaza (next to Metro Records); Las Vegas Senior Center, 451 East Bonanza Road

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

Minutes:

None.

### 4. For possible action to approve minutes by reference of the Special Meeting of the Arts Commission on June 10, 2011

Motion made by STEPHEN GROGAN to Approve

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Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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Minutes:

MEMBER GROGAN requested that his suggestion regarding the display of the Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Memorial at the new Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) offices be followed up with a letter by staff. MEMBER DEANER clarified that under the discussion of the minutes regarding "Writers Block," she was trying to point out that there may be legal issues with the use of mobile billboards and was in no way trying to promote their use.

CHAIR McCOY directed staff to edit the minutes accordingly.

## 5. [Report from artist regarding status of the Our Las Vegas on-line and smart phone public art project All Wards](#)

Minutes:

LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, introduced JON WINET, who narrated a detailed PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted as backup, via teleconference on the online project "Our Las Vegas" while ARTIST GINGER BRUNER navigated through the slides on the computer. This mobile web app project is intended to interface with the City's website.

Regarding the slide titled "On the Drawing Boards:," MR. WINET explained that "Backstage at ..." entails a behind-the-scenes look at Las Vegas' entertainment industry; "The Daily Frame" project will feature a new picture every day at midnight from MS. BRUNER'S collection of Las Vegas photographs; "Boneyard Memories" will be a tour through the Neon Museum and Boneyard; "Our Las Vegas in 30 seconds" (not 20 seconds as erroneously indicated on the slide) will be an invitation to submit a YouTube video for which winning contestants will receive an award; "Our Las Vegas mobile blog" offers the opportunity for people to add photos, videos or texts, which will be monitored to ensure appropriateness; "Jazz in Las Vegas" will look at past and present musicians in town; and "A virtual visit to The Atomic Testing Museum" will feature the museum's objects and displays.

MR. WINET thanked those involved with this project.

CHAIR McCOY and COMMISSIONER GROGAN were impressed with the project.

MR. WINET answered for MEMBER RAMIREZ that "Jazz in Las Vegas" will initially focus on jazz music, harkening back to jazz at the Four-Queens Hotel and Casino and the way in which Las Vegas has attracted some of the finest jazz musicians. A future iteration could include other musicians. He hopes to engage Brandon Flowers of The Killers, an American rock band from Las Vegas.

COMMISSIONER DEANER referring back to the "On the Drawing Boards:," she wondered if a component could be added regarding public art, whether it be regarding dialogue or simply about public art in Las Vegas. MR. WINET indicated that it is merely a list at this point that he hopes will become sustainable projects that can be expanded.

COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN asked if "Las Vegas at Night" involves a narrative or a series of photographs MS. BRUNER indicated that she has a wide selection of images the Commissioners could view after the meeting. MR. WINET interjected that mobile devices lend themselves to micro fiction, so the project includes a little bit of both narratives and photographs.

He added for COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN that the best possible ways to display the Arts Commission Website is being reviewed. It is possible to access the Website from a mobile device, but it involves instruction, so it is not enabled. It is part of the plan for the future.

CHAIR McCOY thanked MS. BRUNER for her work on this project.

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## 6. [Report regarding public art lecture series curated by UNLV Professor of Art, Pasha Rafat All Wards](#)

Minutes:

LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, stated PASHA RAFAT, Professor, UNLV Public Art, could not be present. She reported that PROFESSOR RAFAT is curating a drawing exhibit based on public art proposals from the four artists profiled in the backup documentation. The exhibit will be featured at the Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 11/7/2011-12/17/2011. Staff is looking to schedule three dates in November 2011 for artist lectures at the Fifth Street School. Funding has been allocated for this project as part of the annual plan.

For COMMISSIONER BLUT, MS. STAMANIS confirmed that PROFESSOR RAFAT was offered an honorarium.

## 7. [Report regarding dedication of Cultural Corridor sidewalk flourishes and banners on October 15th Ward 5 \(Barlow\)](#)

Minutes:

LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, reported the project has been completed. An informal walk-n-talk will be conducted with the artists. DAVID GRIGGS has been requested to attend, as well as COUNCILMAN BARLOW. Arts Commission representation would be appreciated as well. COMMISSIONER PARROTT verified that DENISE DUARTE will also be in attendance.

## 8. [For possible action regarding funding of and selection of artist to create trophies for the Mayors Urban Design Awards \(\\$2,000 - General Fund\) All Wards](#)

Motion made by MAURA K. PARROTT to Approve funding and hold in abeyance the selection of the artist to the 10/20/2011 meeting

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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Minutes:

LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, indicated that this funding had not been allocated because staff wanted to ascertain that newly elected MAYOR CAROLYN GOODMAN was interested in continuing the program. The final budget for this plan came in at more than anticipated, allowing the project to be funded. The project gives the Arts Commission a lot of visibility.

Previous discussion at the Arts Commission meeting included the selection of a new artist to design a different trophy. The funds could be allocated and staff could start searching the artist registry for an artist that works in trophy-like media.

For CHAIR McCOY, MS. STAMANIS stated that the agreement with the current artist has not been terminated.

CHAIR McCOY commented that the Design Award project has been very successful. He commended MAYOR GOODMAN'S support for the arts and having local artists display their work in her office on a rotating basis.

MS. STAMANIS remarked that the RSOQ (pre-qualified artist roster) listing is being updated.

The Commissioners discussed reviewing the list and choosing an artist at the next meeting. COMMISSIONER EPSTEIN suggested running a contest to bring out new artists and requiring that the artwork be completed by March, in time for the State of the City Address.

MS. STAMANIS indicated that local artists will be notified and staff will prepare a thank-you letter for the current artist.

CHAIR McCOY commented that he would be appointing a side committee to select the artist.

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## 9. For possible action regarding allocation of funds for educational community-based public art project (\$4,800 - General Fund) All Wards

Motion made by STEPHEN GROGAN to Strike

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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Minutes:

COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ requested that funding for this project be increased. LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, stated that creativity will be needed in lieu of more funding.

MS. STAMANIS introduced ZACHARY DELBEX, Chief Executive Officer, and JENNI ROWE, Outreach and Development Coordinator, of Repurpose America to give a presentation on sharing resources in order to possibly save some funding, given the Commissions small budget.

MR. DELBEX explained that Repurpose America is a non-profit organization that diverts non-recyclable materials from the convention industry by partnering with recycling companies, working toward zero waste. Repurpose America's resources have been used in over 300 different programs throughout the city, making a significant impact in the Valley. He welcomed the opportunity to work with the Arts Commission, noting that he has previously worked with artists, by facilitating his resources in order to highlight Las Vegas' sustainable potential.

COMMISSIONER PARROTT noted that she toured MR. DELBEX'S facility and it was very enriching to see the potential for using his resources to create art.

MR. DELBEX referred to a blueprint, a copy of which is made a part of the minutes, provided to the Commissioners and explained that the intent is to use the trade-show exhibit booth depicted as a resource for artists to highlight exhibits. The booth is made of cardboard, and its original cost was \$55,000. This will serve to highlight Repurpose America and the collaboration of the Arts Commission.

MS. ROWE detailed a PowerPoint presentation, which was not submitted for the minutes, to explain Repurpose America's function. It collects materials to use as sustainability resources in order to protect the environment for the future, while creating jobs and providing training for disabled individuals. The materials have a wide variety of uses, from using banners to create sunshades in playgrounds to using materials to create fabrics for fashion shows.

MR. DELBEX interjected that Repurpose America does not want sustainability to be a passing trend; therefore, it focuses a lot of its time to educate and involve children to ensure a lasting effect.

MR. DELBEX indicated that by collecting unrecyclable materials from the recycling companies, Repurpose America reduces their burden of sorting through the materials and increases their revenues by reducing landfill costs.

MR. DELBEX answered for CHAIR McCOY that he has worked with World Market Center in certain capacities. His goal is to reach out and share his resources.

COMMISSIONER GROGAN suggested individual tours of the facility by the Commissioners.

For COMMISSIONER SMITH, MR. DELBEX indicated that he partners with schools to provide education and to provide materials to create art.

COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ asked MR. DELBEX if the purpose of his presentation was to make a donation to the Commission. COMMISSIONER PARROTT stated she was hoping the donation could be used by artists. MS. STAMANIS indicated that an item was not put on this agenda to accept the donation, but she invited MR. DELBEX to make a presentation to provide the Commissioners with a potential option to offset the Commissions limited budget.

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COMMISSIONER DEANER suggested the individual Commissioners visit the facility and discuss whether the Commission would like to engage in a repurposing-type project.

COMMISSIONER DEANER clarified with CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK VICKY SKILBRED that the legal opinion of the City Attorney's office is that any informal committee appointed by the Chair that is less than a quorum of the Commissioners is not subject to the Open Meeting Law.

COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ recommended funding be provided for a community-based public project, stressing that he would like that funding increased. COMMISSIONER DEANER pointed out that the Commission can partner but cannot solicit funding.

MR. DELBEX offered to become a partner and contribute the materials depicted in the submitted schematics as a matching fund. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK SKILBRED stated the motion options available to the Commission.

## **10. For possible action regarding four applications for donation of art to the City of Las Vegas Art Collection All Wards**

Motion made by MAURA K. PARROTT to Approve the recommendation of the Public Art Advisory Committee to accept the four-piece donation by Darius Kuzmickas, two of the paintings by Terry Hargraves that will be selected by the Acquisition Committee, defer on Aaron Shadab's offer and accept the SOLA Tapestry

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

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Minutes:

COMMISSIONER GROGAN reported that the Committee recommends approval of the Sub-Committee's recommendations. COMMISSIONER PARROTT read the recommendations of the Sub-Committee.

COMMISSIONER DEANER recommended the Hargraves pieces be returned to the West Las Vegas Arts Center, where they were being displayed. LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, indicated that the artist contacted her and expressed an interest in donating the pieces to the City, as they are no longer being displayed at the West Las Vegas Arts Center.

COMMISSIONER GROGAN withdrew his initial motion to accept the recommendation of the Acquisition Committee to accept all donations, except a selection of two of the pieces from Terry Hargraves.

AARON SHADAB'S assistant, who did not give a name, indicated that MR. SHADAB'S art donation is still in concept. MS. STAMANIS indicated that the Commission could not accept a donation of artwork that does not exist. COMMISSIONER BLUT added that the Arts Commission could not guarantee display at City Hall, as there is a formal committee that selects submissions for display at City Hall and it involves a different process. MS. STAMANIS commented that it was being donated to the City, but its display location could not be guaranteed.

COMMISSIONER GROGAN advised MR. SHADAB that the Commissioners like his work and would consider accepting the donation of a completed piece in the future.

CHAIR McCOY wondered if acceptance of the SOLA Tapestry should be held in abeyance because there were some issues regarding fundraising. MS. STAMANIS added that the SOLA donation is contingent upon raising the funds and it would be a donation from the community to the City, and there is no guarantee that it can be displayed at City Hall.

COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ noted that TERRY HARGRAVES has done wonderful pieces of art and felt that a City/artist relationship should be developed. He was not sure that the two pieces should be accepted and taken from West

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Las Vegas, where it was well received. COMMISSIONER GROGAN was open to accepting other pieces from MR. HARGRAVES.

**11. [For possible action to nominate and elect new officers of the Arts Commission for fiscal year 2011-2012 All Wards](#)**

Motion made by NANCY DEANER to Approve to retain officers CHAIR McCOY, VICE CHAIR PARROTT and SECOND VICE CHAIR GROGAN

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

OMAR G. RAMIREZ, STEPHEN GROGAN, ROB McCOY, MAURA K. PARROTT, ALEXANDRA EPSTEIN, ARLENE BLUT, NANCY DEANER, MARIO LORNE SMITH JR.; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(ALICE DENTON, GLENN NOWAK, CANDY SCHNEIDER)

Minutes:

CHAIR McCOY commented that he appointed a Committee on this matter. LISA STAMANIS indicated that COMMISSIONER SCHNEIDER, who was a member of that Committee, recommended officers CHAIR McCOY, VICE CHAIR PARROTT and SECOND VICE CHAIR GROGAN be retained.

**12. [For possible action regarding Arts Commission appointees Elizabeth Herridge \(term expired 8/16/2011\) and Candy Schneider \(term expired 8/18/2011\)](#)**

Motion made by NANCY DEANER to Approve the reappointment of Candy Schneider

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

OMAR G. RAMIREZ, STEPHEN GROGAN, ROB McCOY, MAURA K. PARROTT, ALEXANDRA EPSTEIN, ARLENE BLUT, NANCY DEANER, MARIO LORNE SMITH JR.; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(ALICE DENTON, GLENN NOWAK, CANDY SCHNEIDER)

Motion made by ROB McCOY to Hold in abeyance to 10/20/2011 the appointment for Elizabeth Herridge's seat

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

OMAR G. RAMIREZ, STEPHEN GROGAN, ROB McCOY, MAURA K. PARROTT, ALEXANDRA EPSTEIN, ARLENE BLUT, NANCY DEANER, MARIO LORNE SMITH JR.; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-(ALICE DENTON, GLENN NOWAK, CANDY SCHNEIDER)

Minutes:

LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, indicated that CANDY SCHNEIDER wishes to be reappointed.

**13. [For possible action regarding rescheduling Arts Commission meeting times](#)**

Motion made by NANCY DEANER to Approve a meeting time of 4:00 p.m.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

OMAR G. RAMIREZ, STEPHEN GROGAN, ROB McCOY, MAURA K. PARROTT, ALEXANDRA EPSTEIN, ARLENE BLUT, NANCY DEANER, MARIO LORNE SMITH JR.; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(None); Excused-ALICE DENTON, GLENN NOWAK, CANDY SCHNEIDER

Minutes:

CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK VICKY SKILBRED indicated that several boards and commissions were taken over by the City Clerk's office with the intent of ensuring greater compliance with the Open Meeting Law and operation under Robert's Rules of Order, and as a result of the City's strategic goal for greater transparency. A Deputy City Clerk and, in the future, a Deputy City Attorney will be present at each meeting. The audios of the meetings will be posted within 24 working hours. The new City Hall will probably have the technology to videotape the meetings. However, in order for the

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City Clerk's office to provide support, it would be better if the meetings were held earlier in the day and not at 5:30 when City Hall closes.

CHAIR McCOY requested a binder with tabs to separate the backup documentation. CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK SKILBRED indicated that the backup submitted will be linked by item and could be viewed on the meetings website. The boards/commissions will have the same points of contact, but the City Clerk's office will provide back-end support. LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, stated that it would be no trouble for her to meet the Chair's request.

14. **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COMMISSION. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE COMMISSION UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED**

Minutes:

Given the change in the First Friday Organization, COMMISSIONER GROGAN suggested a letter be drafted or find some way to interface with the group, so that the First Friday participants can become familiar with the Commissioners. COMMISSIONER BLUT confirmed with LISA STAMANIS, Cultural Affairs, that the Organization has been formed and is ready to operate.

COMMISSIONER PARROTT displayed a cardholder made of repurposed vinyl.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Lisa Stamanis, Cultural Programming Specialist

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