

# City of Las Vegas

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY HALL, 495 S. MAIN STREET  
CITY CLERKS 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
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## MINUTES

May 19, 2016  
3:30 PM

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1. [CALL TO ORDER](#)

Minutes:

CHAIR KARPEL called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR KARPEL and COMMISSIONERS TRIMBLE, CURRAN, ZACHMAN (excused until 3:42 p.m.) and WEINSTEIN (in an ex-officio capacity)

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER SCHEFCIK

ALSO PRESENT: NANCY DEANER, Cultural Affairs Director, PATRICIA HARRIS, Cultural Affairs Manager, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, and GABRIELA PORTILLO-BRENNER, Deputy City Clerk

2. [ANNOUNCEMENT RE: COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW](#)

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

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. [Discussion for possible action regarding a review of the Project Development Subcommittees recommendations at its meeting of August 25, 2015 All Wards](#)

Motion made by JOHN TRIMBLE to Approve Item 1 (West Las Vegas Arts Center way-finding sculpture) with the recommended funding of \$75,000

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 1

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JOHN TRIMBLE, SANDY KARPEL, MARK ZACHMAN, JOHN CURRAN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(POLLY WEINSTEIN); Excused-(JERRY SCHEFCIK)

Motion made by MARK ZACHMAN to Approve Item 4 (Scotch 80's gateway sculpture [match]) with the recommended funding of \$7,500

Passed For: 4; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 1; Excused: 1  
JOHN TRIMBLE, SANDY KARPEL, MARK ZACHMAN, JOHN CURRAN; Against-(None); Abstain-(None); Did Not Vote-(POLLY WEINSTEIN); Excused-(JERRY SCHEFCIK)

Minutes:

CHAIR KARPEL referred to the submitted Projects Proposal list for FY16 and encouraged discussion.

Item 1 - West Las Vegas Arts Center way-finding sculpture - COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE stated that the project is progressing smoothly. The West Las Vegas Arts Center is pleased about the project and is eagerly awaiting the sculpture. To COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN, he explained that the Request for Proposal had not been issued yet because MARCIA ROBINSON, Cultural Supervisor, who is handling it, has not been available. He should be able to obtain more information upon her return. NANCY DEANER, Cultural Affairs Director, clarified that MS. ROBINSON, as the West Las Vegas Arts Center Coordinator, would be sitting on the selection committee, should this body recommend that this project remain on the list. COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE indicated to CHAIR KARPEL that he would like the project and associated funding to stay on the list.

Item 2 - Art banners/equipment on Maryland, north of Charleston Boulevard to Fremont Street - CHAIR KARPEL advised that this project was on hold because of the necessary encroachment aspect, and there was some discussion with COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ about combining the funding listed under Items 2 and 3 (Two \$5,000 "micro" projects). MS. DEANER stated that COMMISSIONER ALVAREZ had suggested putting the funding toward Zap boxes, and COMMISSIONER OGILVIE had indicated that each artist receives \$2,500 and each has four boxes, for a total of 32 boxes, and it would be in the same area where the banners project was going to be done.

COMMISSIONER CURRAN was not certain that the Subcommittee had to spend all the available funding as outlined, because he wanted to propose a project for a micro grant and make a presentation on it. CHAIR KARPEL reiterated that a proposal had been made to combine the funding for the Zap box project.

Item 4 - Scotch 80's gateway sculpture - CHAIR KARPEL stated that this project will receive match funding for a total of \$15,000, and it was approved to move forward. COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN was not sure that \$15,000 would be sufficient for a gateway sculpture. MS. DEANER advised that it would be a sculpture for a neighborhood entryway.

CHAIR KARPEL stated that COMMISSIONER CURRAN'S proposal could be discussed. BOB SYLVAIN, Deputy City Attorney, indicated that new projects could not be discussed under this item because it is regarding projects recommended in 2015.

CHAIR KARPEL reiterated the recommendations for the proposed 2015 list of projects. COMMISSIONER POLLY asked that the projects be acted on separately.

PATRICIA HARRIS, Cultural Affairs Manager, indicated that any recommendations of this Subcommittee would be presented to the Arts Commission for consideration.

The Commissioners decided to proceed to Agenda Item 5 so that COMMISSIONER CURRAN could present his proposal before acting on the projects listed.

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After trailing this matter, CHAIR KARPEL discussed with DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN that project recommendations with associated amounts should be made. CHAIR KARPEL went over the options and funding of the projects. COMMISSIONER CURRAN did not think there are enough electrical boxes from Charleston Boulevard to Fremont Street and said it would be difficult to act on it without all the specifics of the project. MS. DEANER did not know how many boxes there are but offered to conduct an assessment. She clarified that the area for the electrical boxes, along with the banners, is located north of Charleston Boulevard to Stewart Avenue, and that the Subcommittee has the discretion to make a recommendation on the amount of funding and on the number of boxes. She pointed out that the Our Town Maryland Parkway Public Art and Design Plan and the possibility of light rail may have an impact on the area.

COMMISSIONER CURRAN suggested providing funding for 32 boxes along Maryland Parkway and throughout the downtown area. CHAIR KARPEL felt there was too much indecision to act on the boxes project and suggested leaving it until more information is obtained. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY SYLVAIN said action could just be taken on Items 1 and 4 on the project list. MS. DEANER indicated that there would be one more opportunity for the Project Development Subcommittee to meet.

5. [Discussion for possible action regarding new projects to be reviewed by the Project Development Committee for recommendation to the Arts Commission at the June 16, 2016 meeting All Wards](#)

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER CURRAN went over detailed PowerPoint slides regarding the Community Alley project, to which he would like the Subcommittee to consider recommending funding. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation was submitted as backup. He indicated that he has been working with the City of Las Vegas for a year, and it involves a T-shaped alley between Fremont/Carson and Las Vegas Boulevard/6th Streets. There is a lot of activity surrounding this area, and he felt it would be nice to beautify it and make it an inviting community space for locals and visitors by incorporating art, landscaping, outdoor seating, shade structures and string lighting. Using the PowerPoint slides, he touched on the components of this project, including the vision, murals, funding, timeline and the risks and challenges. All of the property owners in the area are in support. Because the City of Las Vegas is very supportive of this effort, it will put down a new layer of asphalt, and it has already committed funding toward it. The project would be accomplished through an encroachment agreement with the City of Las Vegas, and the four owners would form a Community Alley Association. The Life is Beautiful group has already identified a major muralist. He requested consideration of the Subcommittee to recommend a grant.

COMMISSIONER ZACHMAN asked how the Alley project would fit in to the Downtown Alley Design Guidelines, in terms of timing and priority. COMMISSIONER CURRAN indicated that the group heading this project has moved quickly, probably faster than any. The El Cortez group has a very limited scope.

COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN asked if there is a total budget in mind, to which COMMISSIONER CURRAN replied that the project would be funded in phases. The City of Las Vegas will be donating \$200,000, and it will cost approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000 to build the trash enclosures and install the landscaping. COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN then asked how much funding would be expected from the Arts Commission and how much involvement it would have. COMMISSIONER CURRAN stated that as a new member, he does not understand the selection process, but the Arts Commission could assist with funding the mural artist for a designated wall and oversee the selection process for the artist and art. He advised COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN that the Life is Beautiful group has an artist that wants to take one of the largest canvasses.

COMMISSIONER WEINSTEIN expressed concern about the expense. COMMISSIONER CURRAN remarked that there are a lot of people excited about the project but are not willing to provide funding. Active fundraising is taking place, and some in-kind and monetary contributions have been made. The remaining chunk of funding needed will take the project to a great level. He mentioned that just in April the Moonridge Group started mobilizing to seek funding.

CHAIR KARPEL discussed with COMMISSIONER CURRAN the timeline for the muralist to start. It was mentioned that the City of Las Vegas' portion will be lumped in with the beautification project and do the paving first, with the mural to be selected after. However, he was unaware of the immediate timeline. CHAIR KARPEL said that she wanted to know because with limited funding to grant, she wondered when the funding would be needed. COMMISSIONER CURRAN

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thought the project would be done certainly by 2017. CHAIR KARPEL remarked that funding could be provided from next year's budget.

- Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items by the Project Development Subcommittee of the Arts Commission. Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual Commissioners shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not any such proposed item(s) is/are within the purview of the Subcommittee and/or whether such proposed item(s) shall be placed on a future agenda. No discussion regarding the substance of any such proposed topic shall occur and no action shall be taken regarding the proposal.

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER CURRAN requested an item regarding the Alleyways project.

COMMISSIONER CURRAN asked for an item at the 6/2/2016 Subcommittee meeting to discuss the Zap boxes and all the remaining projects, as more information is needed on all of them, and they need to discuss the next points of action on the projects, regardless of approved funding.

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Minutes:

None.

- ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Gabriela Portillo-Brenner, Deputy City Clerk

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Patricia Harris, Cultural Affairs Manager

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