



## Arts Commission Minutes

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR SPROTT called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR SPROTT and COMMISSIONERS KLEVEN, TUPAZ, CURRAN (via teleconference), LOWDEN (via teleconference), HAMPTON (via teleconference), HACKETT-MORGAN, and HAYNES-HAMBLÉN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS TRIMBLE, KARPEL, PACHECO, and STRAUS

ALSO PRESENT: MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director; LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II; REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II; VAL STEED, Deputy City Attorney V; and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk

### 2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Minutes:

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE: This meeting has been properly noticed and posted at the following locations in accordance with the noticing standards as outlined in NRS 241.020: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; The City of Las Vegas website – [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov); and The Nevada Public Notice website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov).

### 3. Public Comment: Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and 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 the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2021

Motion made by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan to Approve

NOTE: COMMISSIONER KLEVEN abstained from voting on this item, as she was not present at that meeting.

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 1; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-Ally Haynes-Hamblen, David Tupaz, Mickey Sprott, Paul Lowden, John Curran, Ryan Hampton, Suzanne Hackett-Morgan; Abstain-Jennifer Kleven; Excused-John Pacheco, John Trimble, Sandy Karpel, David Straus;

### 5. Report by Mickey Sprott, Arts Commission Chair, regarding monthly summary of current initiatives, cultural events and opportunities – All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR SPROTT and COMMISSIONERS KLEVEN and TUPAZ shared in reviewing the list of exhibitions and

cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: Still Here Native American Heritage exhibition, A Focus on Portraits, an African American Heritage exhibition, Lunar New Year Exhibition: Year of the Tiger, the Rainbow Company Youth Theatre's production of Still Life with Iris, and Time Capsule: A Valentin Yordanov exhibition. They provided some of the details regarding the event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN said The Neon Museum's Artist in Residence final exhibit will open to the public on Friday, February 11th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Juhl Las Vegas. She briefly shared information about the artwork of GABRIEL BARCIA-COLOMBO.

COMMISSIONER CURRAN mentioned that the Huntridge Theatre was featured in a music video by CHRISTINA AGUILERA and OZUNA.

CHAIR SPROTT stated that the City of Henderson is hiring a full-time Visual and Public Arts Coordinator.

6. Report by Office of Cultural Affairs staff regarding monthly summary of current initiatives – All Wards

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, and REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup. MS. MACHADO noted that a copy of the monthly Staff Report, included in the backup, was also provided to the Commissioners.

3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project – MS. HOLDEN stated that the Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Program, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, continues to meet with stakeholders to discuss the project scope. She explained that the project is limited in how funds may be spent, because the project must be installed on a City-owned property. At the moment, the only City-owned property is the ground.

AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project – MS. MACHADO indicated the Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Program is working in partnership with the Offices of Wards 2, 3, 5 and 6 to expand the AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Program, and the Office of Cultural Affairs, Arts Contract Unit has issued artistic services agreements to a majority of the artists selected. An artist meeting is scheduled for January 26th to review specifications with the artists as well as additional project information.

Big Heart Sculpture – MS. HOLDEN said the Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Program is working in partnership with the Office of Ward 3, Life is Beautiful, and Clark County to install the Big Heart Sculpture from the Life is Beautiful 2021 Festival at or near the intersection of South 3rd Street and East Clark Avenue, which is in proximity to the Marriage License Bureau. More information can be found at the link provided on the PowerPoint slide.

Biblios by Guy Laramée – MS. MACHADO stated that the Office of Cultural Affairs, Gallery Program will install the donated sculpture Biblios by GUY LARAMEE, which was approved through the Arts Commission, in the Las Vegas Municipal Courthouse on February 10, 2022.

Charleston Underpass Mural Project – Staff is still awaiting the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) permit, and MS. MACHADO hoped to have more information to share soon.

East Las Vegas Community Center Artwork – MS. HOLDEN stated that the Office of Cultural Affairs has partnered with the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Office of Ward 3 to develop and incorporate additional artworks for the interior of the East Las Vegas Community Center. This site is being considered to house the Nepehele sculpture by CYD BOWN, and a feasibility study was conducted with fire safety and the sprinkler system to see if the painting can be installed on the horizontal placement in the atrium ceiling area. The next steps will include investigating the re-engineering of the suspension system. Because it is fabric, the artwork will help lessen any sound impact within the building and will liven up the hallway.

Historic Westside Mural Program – The Office of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the Arts Commission and the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and CHASE McCURDY has been hired as the Mural Project Coordinator to oversee community engagement, the conceptual development, and the installation of multiple large-scale public murals throughout the Historic Westside. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 31, 2023.

Historic Westside School Design Center Mural – MS. MACHADO stated that the Office of Cultural Affairs along with an independent evaluation panel has selected the proposal by LEE LANIER for the Historic Westside School Design Center Mural. The artist completed the project on January 3rd, and the Design Center will soon open, and the Arts Commission will be notified when it does.

LIB21 Ward 3 Mural Project – MS. HOLDEN indicated the Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Program is also working in partnership with the Office of Ward 3 and Life is Beautiful to complete this project, which will incorporate the creation of multiple murals for the walls surrounding the Douglas A. Selby Park.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN wondered how Life is Beautiful is involved with this project. MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director, replied that the Office has an agreement with Life is Beautiful that in exchange for festival support, an art piece will be donated. She believed a call for artists would be conducted to choose the artists, and someone from the City would be involved on that committee.

Maintenance and Conservation – The Office of Cultural Affairs conducts regular condition and inventory reports of items in the public art collection. These reports are used to generate a listing of current maintenance and conservation efforts. The public is encouraged to reach out with any maintenance, conservation, graffiti concerns, or general collections care items relating to the public art collection at the e-mail address [publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov) or by calling 702-229-ARTS (2787). Photos were shown of the pedestals along Main Street, which receive regular maintenance. Additionally, staff is working with High Impact Sign and Design to obtain a quote to repair the Queen of the Arts sculpture. Bunker Park Decorative Disposal Containers by LORI FRATIANNIO has been removed, deaccessioned, and will be replaced with five standard-issue receptacles as the art containers are deteriorating. Lastly, staff is still working with JESSE SMIGEL to address the protective coating on the Snowball in Vegas sculpture.

Presidential Portrait – The presidential portrait of PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN was donated by Southwest Gas Corporation and is part of the long-standing tradition of donated presidential portraits by Southwest Gas Corporation to the City of Las Vegas. Staff is working to obtain donation paperwork in order to bring the item forward as a formal agenda item to accession it into the public art collection.

Officer Igor Soldo Memorial Park Sculpture – Hanlon Sculpture Studio was commissioned through the Office of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Program and in partnership with the Office of Ward 6 and the Department of Public Works to create a bronze sculpture to honor fallen Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department OFFICER IGOR SOLDO. Staff anticipate the sculpture will be completed by June 30, 2022.

Symphony Park Garage – Fabrication for Larger than Life by Domsy Glass is underway. The Building and Safety Special Inspector for the City has approved the initial welding of two of the four sculptures and will continue to provide inspections throughout the project completion. The artist team estimates the completion and installation date to be in mid-March 2022. More information about the dedication date will be provided to the Commissioners once it is received.

7. Presentation by Office of Cultural Affairs staff regarding the accession of the mural “A Phalanx of Angels Ascending” by James Stanford, located at 705 North Las Vegas Blvd – Ward 5

Motion made by Mickey Sprott to Strike

Passed For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 4

For-Ally Haynes-Hamblen, David Tupaz, Mickey Sprott, Paul Lowden, John Curran, Jennifer Kleven, Ryan Hampton, Suzanne Hackett-Morgan; Excused-John Pacheco, John Trimble, Sandy Karpel, David Straus;

Minutes:

CHAIR SPROTT stated that this item was not ready to be discussed; therefore, it would be Stricken.

8. Discussion regarding the development of a public art mentoring program – All Wards

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN mentioned how the same visual artists tend to submit for opportunities, and she wished to increase the pool of applicants. She was unsure if a one-to-one public art mentoring program or a

workshop to teach artists how to submit proposals should be created. COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN thought there needed to be something more than a workshop and believed a panel would be a good way to offer a variety of viewpoints to artists. She considered recruiting national artists to provide assistance.

COMMISSIONER TUPAZ wondered how this program would be structured to be inclusive of both new and established artists. He felt many people do not know what the Arts Commission does and believed a dialogue must occur between artists and the Councilmembers. COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN acknowledged the Commissioner's comments and thought the Commissioners could help host something to encourage this. She mentioned having met with COUNCILMAN KNUDSEN who liked the idea of more involvement from the Commissioners within their Wards and with their constituents.

CHAIR SPROTT mentioned several educational opportunities available to artists including Clark County's Full Scope program, WebEx meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month, and in March, panel discussions, which she believed would be offered every other month to allow artists an opportunity for questions and answers. Additionally, STEPHEN REID of the Nevada Arts Council has been directed to help educate artists as well as promote educational opportunities, and there is a group called Forecast Public Art that offers an online course that helps train artists. The Chair indicated she is working with other jurisdictions to help fund this program. Lastly, she suggested the Arts Commission hold a subcommittee meeting to further discuss a mentoring program. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN believed the Education Subcommittee would be the appropriate subcommittee to discuss this matter.

COMMISSIONERS TUPAZ and HACKETT-MORGAN wondered if the Commissioners could promote local artists on their personal social media accounts. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN thought this was okay and added that as the subcommittee meets to discuss what a public art mentoring program might look like, there will need to be a public process to solicit applications or information of those artists who want to be involved as a mentor or mentee.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN also believed the Commissioners should be sharing information about upcoming events as well as utilizing the GoVegas app. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN commented that the GoVegas app has been around for approximately four years but needs more promotion. In addition, the Office of Cultural Affairs sends e-mail newsletters multiple times a week with events to share on social media.

The Commissioners discussed the role of the Councilmembers in promoting art-related events and the importance of the Commissioners to advocate to the Council the needs of the Arts Commission. COMMISSIONER TUPAZ asked if the Arts Commission could meet with the Council, to which DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY VAL STEED stated that it is possible but must be noticed as a public meeting.

COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN said that she and MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director, gave a report to the Council in October that was well received, and she thought this was a great time in the City of Las Vegas as the Councilmembers are in support of the arts.

In response to a query by COMMISSIONER KLEVEN regarding the Full Scope program, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, said when artists are not selected for projects and ask staff for learning resources, staff will refer the artists to the Full Scope program. CHAIR SPROTT added that when artists reach out to Clark County, the County also refers them to the City to sign up for their artist registry as well as programs with the other jurisdictions. She hoped for the Nevada Art Council to help streamline all of the different programs.

COMMISSIONER TUPAZ wondered where funding would come from for a mentoring program. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN replied that it depends on how much funding is needed.

CHAIR SPROTT reiterated the need for the Education Subcommittee to meet for further discussion.

9. **Discussion regarding topics for future agenda items.** Comments made during this portion of the agenda by individual members shall refer solely to proposals for future agenda items and any discussion shall be limited to whether or not such proposed items are within the purview of the Commission and/or whether such proposed items 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.

Minutes:

CHAIR SPROTT asked for an item on the next agenda regarding reallocating Commissioners to the subcommittees.

10. **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, come forward and 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:

None.

11. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

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Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Director  
Office of Cultural Affairs

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