



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR BRIARE called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR BRIARE and COMMISSIONERS SPROTT (excused until 4:02 p.m. and via teleconference), TUPAZ, TRIMBLE, KARPEL, CURRAN (excused until 4:01 p.m. and via teleconference), PACHECO, GUSTAFSON (via teleconference), and HAYNES-HAMBLÉN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS KLEVEN, LOWDEN, and STRAUS

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, JEANNE VOLTURA, Visual Arts Specialist I, MARY SABO, Technician/Specialist, SAPIRA CHEUK, Technician/Specialist, 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 State of Nevada Executive Department Declaration of Emergency Directive 006: The City of Las Vegas website – www.lasvegasnevada.gov and The Nevada Public Notice Website – 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 March 18, 2021

Motion made by Sandy Karpel to Approve

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Ally Haynes-Hamblen, David Tupaz, Jim Briare, John Pacheco, John Trimble, Mickey Sprott, John Curran, Heidi Gustafson, Sandy Karpel; Excused-Paul Lowden, David Straus, Jennifer Kleven;

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

Minutes:

CHAIR BRIARE reviewed the list of cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: A Midsummer Night's Dream by the Rainbow Company Youth Theater, Call for Art – Pandemic Inspiration as well as registration information for the Rainbow Company Youth Acting Summer Workshop, the Rainbow Company

Teen Acting Intensive, the Performing and Visual Arts Summer Camp for Kids (PVAC) 2021, and the Contemporary West Dance Theater Summer Intensive.

COMMISSIONER TUPAZ announced that the ART 2 art Gallery at Tivoli Village is hosting the unveiling of the John Wayne Marina paintings on Friday, April 16th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The artist is JENNY BAHAM, a local artist. Three different John Wayne portraits will also be raffled off.

COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLLEN mentioned the Art in the Park event at Bruce Trent Park will be held on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be hosted by COUNCILWOMAN VICTORIA SEAMAN. Approximately 50 artists will display their artwork for sale, and an artist commissioned by the Office of Cultural Affairs will paint electrical boxes during the event.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT announced that Clark County has several active calls for artists including a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a major public art project titled Southwest Ridge Part I. The deadline is April 19th at 3:00 p.m. More information can be found on the Clark County public art webpage. Another temporary public art call will close on April 20th at 11:00 a.m. and calls for temporary public art to be placed into the Clark County Wetlands Park and Trails. Up to 10 artists will be selected and compensated with \$1,000 to exhibit. Lastly, there are two gallery calls for Winchester Gallery and the Rotunda Gallery at the Clark County Government Center.

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.

AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project – 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 to 200 new project sites by June 30, 2022. A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) has been posted to www.artsregistrylas.vegas and interested artists are encouraged to apply. Through this program, 31 painted cabinets have been completed since it began in 2016.

Charleston Underpass Mural Project – Staff is still awaiting a review and approval of project materials by the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). The name of the artist and design will be released once awarded.

Historic Westside School Design Center Mural – The Office of Cultural Affairs – Public Art Program has selected ASHANTI McGEE and BRENT HOLMES to create an original work of art for the Historic Westside School Design Center.

Maintenance and Conservation – MS. HOLDEN reported that the Office of Cultural Affairs conducts regular condition and inventory reports of items in the public art collection, which are used to generate a listing of 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 of publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov. Staff is in the midst of its annual inventory and was excited to have a full team to help accomplish the report. Photos of graffiti on a utility cabinet were shown, and MS. HOLDEN noted the graffiti has been removed.

Municipal Courthouse Public Art Project – MS. MACHADO announced that an artist or artist team is being sought to create an original two-dimensional work of art for the new Municipal Courthouse. An RFQ was issued on Tuesday, January 19th, and closed on Tuesday, February 3rd. Twenty submissions were received and an independent evaluation panel has selected four semi-finalists to present proposals for the project on May 6th. This meeting will be open to the public at 3:30 p.m. in an office space at the Municipal Courthouse. Another project within the Municipal Courthouse is seeking local artists to submit written Statements of Qualification for consideration to design, fabricate, deliver, and install artwork for the main entryway. More information about the project, which closes on April 21st at 1:30 p.m., can be found at www.ngemnv.com.

Queen of the Arts – MS. HOLDEN stated that the sculpture was unveiled Thursday, April 15th at 11:00 a.m. The public, media, and special guests attended the unveiling. She thanked the Commissioners for their support.

The Westside Will Rise Again Mural Project – The mural painting is scheduled to occur from May 10 to May 15, 2021, and a public ceremonial event titled Take Flight will be held on May 15th at 2:30 p.m.

Website Update – Staff is still working on the website update, and MS. HOLDEN asked the Commissioners to send their information to her. The website address was provided in the PowerPoint presentation.

The Windows on First – The Office of Cultural Affairs seeks proposals from artists for artwork as part of a rotating temporary public art exhibition program at City Hall. The artwork will be on display for approximately six months beginning in October of 2021. An RFQ has been posted to www.artsregistrylas.vegas, and interested artists are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE acknowledged MS. MACHADO, MS. HOLDEN, and COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN for their support and work on The Queen of Arts sculpture. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN added her gratitude for the event and project as a whole. She also thanked COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE for suggesting the project many years ago. She recognized staff for their work on the project, and she thanked MS. HOLDEN specifically for her tenacity.

CHAIR BRIARE wondered about Wards 1 and 4 with regards to the AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN said the project was presented to all Councilmembers, and Wards 2, 3, 4, and 6 chose to expand the AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project into their wards. She believed Wards 1 and 4 are looking to expand the program in their wards in the future.

7. Report by Seth Floyd, Director of Community Development, regarding funding opportunities for the Arts Commission through the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE – All Wards

Minutes:

This item was pulled forward and heard after Item 4.

BRIAN McANALLEN, Philanthropic Initiatives Manager, was present to report. He acknowledged the dedication and unveiling of The Queen of the Arts sculpture and recognized The Howard Hughes Corporation for their funding support through the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE (Mayor's Fund). He thanked COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN, staff, and the Arts Commission for their efforts.

He explained that the Mayor's Fund is in its third year and noted the role of the Mayor's Fund is to be the philanthropic arm of the City of Las Vegas. A number of projects are being considered that are transformational and will address the issues most challenging to the community. MR. McANALLEN extended his assistance in seeking contributions through donations stating that help can be processed through the Nevada Community Foundation, a 501c3 that partners with the Mayor's Fund and helps to facilitate the donations that support the City's projects and efforts.

SETH FLOYD, Director of Community Development, stated that there have been questions regarding how the Arts Commission can coordinate with the Mayor's Fund or direct resources to the Mayor's Fund to be used for projects. He advised the Commissioners that they must be careful in their solicitations and thought MR. McANALLEN would be the best resource for possible donors to work with.

CHAIR BRIARE thought there were a lot of fragments of ideas and asked if there was any type of workshop that could help generate ideas. MR. McANALLEN admitted this is what he has been brought on to do in his role. He commented that the City of Las Vegas has identified public safety, healthcare, and economic diversification as strategic priorities to focus on for the next three to five years. Each department has a role in this, and the Mayor's Fund's role is to support those departments through projects and programs under those three priorities. He noted staff is open to ideas and suggestions and will sit down with the appropriate departments to work through individual strategies. It was his hope that as this is done, it aligns with the City's

strategic plan. CHAIR BRIARE wondered about MR. McANALLEN facilitating a brainstorming session between the Commissioners. MR. McANALLEN committed to and thought this was an excellent idea.

COMMISSIONER KARPEL believed the Arts Commission is reliant on the City of Las Vegas for a budget and expressed confusion regarding MR. McANALLEN'S report. MR. McANALLEN explained that separate from the operational budget of the Commission, the Mayor's Fund is able to facilitate conversations between the Arts Commission and benefactors through the use of consultants who can help facilitate a donation in a way that makes the best sense for the City. MR. FLOYD added that within the Las Vegas Municipal Code, there are two funding sources of the Arts Commission – the Percent for the Arts Fund and donations received. MR. McANALLEN can help funnel donations received through the Mayor's Fund or directly through the Arts Commission.

COMMISSIONER GUSTAFSON asked if the Mayor's Fund will fund specific projects exclusive to the three priorities specified by MR. McANALLEN. MR. McANALLEN said the Mayor's Fund helps to secure community support for those initiatives; however, it is not to fund every program and project. The Mayor's Fund is part of the City of Las Vegas but also works through the Nevada Community Foundation as its fiscal agent to manage the receipt of donations and process expenditures. The intent of the Mayor's Fund is to continue with direction from the City. Although it is called the Mayor's Fund, it is a City of Las Vegas fund and no direct appropriation is received except for operational costs. He confirmed for COMMISSIONER GUSTAFSON that if a Commissioner is able to secure a grant that requires matching funds, the Mayor's Fund is able to leverage funds to match these dollars. He offered to meet with the Commissioner to have a longer discussion about this.

MR. McANALLEN left business cards for the Commissioners, a copy of which was not submitted for the record.

Subsequent to the report, MR. FLOYD expressed his joy working with the Arts Commission.

8. Presentation by Roz Knight, Founder and Executive Director of City of the World, Inc., regarding the current initiatives and activities of the City of the World Art Gallery, Event Space and Community Center located at 4300 Meadows Lane – Ward 1

Minutes:

CHAIR BRIARE announced that this item would be Tabled until the presenter is ready.

See Item 9 for related discussion.

Motion made by Jim Briare to Table

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 3

For-Ally Haynes-Hamblen, David Tupaz, Jim Briare, John Pacheco, John Trimble, Mickey Sprott, John Curran, Heidi Gustafson, Sandy Karpel; Excused-Paul Lowden, David Straus, Jennifer Kleven;

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:

COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE commented that ROZ KNIGHT, Founder and Executive Director of City of the World, Inc., would be interested in speaking at next month's meeting.

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 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Director
Office of Cultural Affairs

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF NEVADA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006
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and
The Nevada Public Notice Website – notice.nv.gov