



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

PRESENT: ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN and COMMISSIONERS SPROTT, KARPEL (via teleconference), CURRAN, PACHECO (excused until 4:12 p.m.), STRAUS, HACKETT-MORGAN, BEDNARCZYK, and HAYNES-HAMBLEN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS KLEVEN, TRIMBLE, LOWDEN, and HAMPTON

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO and REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialists II; VAL STEED, Deputy City Attorney V; and ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk

NOTE: Under Item 4 of the June 16, 2022 Arts Commission Meeting, Commissioner Plaster corrected that she was not present at the May 19, 2022 Arts Commission Meeting.

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; 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 the Arts Commission and the Education Subcommittee of the Arts Commission Meeting of April 21, 2022

Minutes:

REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, corrected the Final Minutes of the Arts Commission by confirming COMMISSIONER LOWDEN was appointed to serve in February of 2018 and served beyond February of 2022.

Motion made by Suzanne Hackett-Morgan to Approve with a correction to the Final Minutes of the Arts Commission

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 5

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

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

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN welcomed new COMMISSIONER BEDNARCZYK, who was appointed to the Arts Commission by MAYOR CAROLYN GOODMAN. The Commissioner is a fine art dealer, fine art collector, and philanthropist with a desire to uplift the Las Vegas arts community. COMMISSIONER BEDNARCZYK thanked MAYOR GOODMAN, the Commissioners, and staff for the opportunity to serve the community.

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: a reception celebrating the artists and artworks of the Vintage Goes Contemporary group exhibit in the Chambers Gallery, Help is on the Way by SHAN MICHAEL EVANS in the Grand Gallery, Windows on First – Visible Mass by JOEL SPENCER in the Windows on First space, the Shapiro Project, the Symphony Park Arts Festival, the Celebrating Life! opening reception and awards ceremony, Continuing the Legacy of Dance at the Charleston Heights Arts Center, 2022 Historic Westside Legacy Park Honoree Celebration, and StorySlam at the Charleston Heights Arts Center. She provided some of the details regarding event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists.

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN shared an announcement from COMMISSIONER LOWDEN inviting the Commissioners to attend the Vic's sign lighting ceremony on June 2nd from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Symphony Park.

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

Minutes:

REBECCA HOLDEN and LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialists II, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, regarding current projects and artistic opportunities. MS. HOLDEN noted that the monthly Staff Report was also provided to the Commissioners, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

MS. HOLDEN and MS. MACHADO shared information regarding the location, timeline, and artists involved for the following initiatives: AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project, AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project Freestanding, Celebrating Life! 2022 Juried Art Exhibit, Current Artist Opportunities, Emergent – Arts District Public Art Project, LIB21 Ward 3 Mural Project, Historic Westside Mural Program, Maintenance and Conservation, Municipal Courthouse Public Art Project, Officer Igor Soldo Memorial Park Statue, and the Upcoming Arts Commission Schedule.

MS. HOLDEN recognized COMMISSIONER PACHECO for his service to the Arts Commission. The Commissioner was appointed by former Councilman BOB COFFIN in June of 2018, and his term will end in June of 2022. She thanked COMMISSIONER PACHECO for serving on the Arts Commission as a representative of Ward 3.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO said it was nice to meet the other Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER CURRAN asked about the Charleston Underpass Mural Project and why it has taken so long to receive approval from NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation). MS. MACHADO said NDOT must seek approval from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), because the mural can be seen from the highway. The Commissioner thought 18 months was a long delay and encouraged staff to reach out to NDOT. MS. MACHADO confirmed staff has tried multiple times, and ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN added that EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE MIKE JANSSEN, as well as the Councilmembers and Senators have also reached out to NDOT. She believed advertising might not be allowed within the mural, and this was the cause for the delay. Several requests have been made to the artist, who has complied with adjusting the design of the mural; however, ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLEN was open to other suggestions to move the approval along.

COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN requested the Commissioners receive reminders of event dates.

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLÉN was excited for the re-installation of the Nephele sculpture and thanked staff for the work they have put into it.

7. Discussion for possible action to approve the dissolution of the Main Street Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLÉN said this matter was brought up during the April meeting, at which time she recommended the Arts Commission consider removing the Main Street Ad Hoc Subcommittee from its subcommittees.

Motion made by John Curran to Approve

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

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

8. Discussion for possible action regarding the election of the Second Vice Chair to the Arts Commission

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLÉN stated that the Second Vice Chair seat was vacated when former Arts Commissioner DAVID TUPAZ'S term ended. She noted that an annual election for a Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair is held in September and wondered if someone would be interested in volunteering or nominating someone for the Second Vice Chair seat until the annual election.

COMMISSIONER SPOTT inquired with COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN regarding her interest. The Commissioner said she would be happy to accept a nomination.

Motion made by Mickey Sprott to elect Suzanne Hackett-Morgan as Second Vice Chair

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

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

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:

ACTING CHAIR HAYNES-HAMBLÉN reminded the Commissioners to e-mail staff if they have any ideas for topics.

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.

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None.

11. **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Maggie Plaster, Deputy Director
Office of Cultural Affairs

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