



## 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, TUPAZ, TRIMBLE (via telephone), PACHECO, STRAUS (excused until 4:25 p.m. via telephone), KLEVEN, and HAYNES-HAMBLEN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS PLASTER, KARPEL, CURRAN, and LOWDEN

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, MARY SABO, 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](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 September 17, 2020

Motion made by Mickey Sprott to Approve

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

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

### 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 the following: StorySLAM: Work in Progress, the Las Vegas Book Festival, and Sugar Skull Making Workshop. He provided some of the details regarding the event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists.

COMMISSIONER TUPAZ shared information regarding the ART2art Gallery at Tivoli Village featuring the artwork of local contemporary artists. He also announced details regarding an exhibition of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century architecture and libraries by photographer MARIO BASNER at the World Heritage Gallery at Tivoli Village.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT announced that Clark County put together a 1 October Memorial Committee, which will hold its first meeting on October 28, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Clark County Chambers. Those meetings will be held in person but availability will be made to watch the meetings virtually. More information can be found at [clarkcountynv.gov](http://clarkcountynv.gov) on the Department of Parks and Recreation homepage.

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, which was submitted and attached as backup. MS. MACHADO noted that a copy of the monthly Staff Report, which has been included in the backup, was provided to the Commissioners.

3<sup>rd</sup> Street Public Art Project – The fabrication of Atomic Tumbleweed by WAYNE LITTLEJOHN has been completed and will be collected from the foundry this week. It will be installed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street early next week.

Arts District Public Art Project – The off-site permit application for Emergent has been approved by the Department of Building and Safety, and the artist team is working with a contractor to obtain the permits.

Charleston Underpass Mural Project – The Request for Proposals was posted on September 8<sup>th</sup>, closed on October 8<sup>th</sup>, and eight submissions were received. MS. MACHADO invited the Commissioners to attend the virtual artist presentation on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. More information and a link to the event could be found on the City of Las Vegas Facebook page.

AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project (Ward 6) – Staff worked with the Councilmember's office for Ward 6 to identify potential locations of utility cabinets to be painted.

Contemporary Public Art Program – MS. HOLDEN stated that Fore, Solar Walk, and Swizzle by RANDY MENDRE have been permanently acquired with a modification to the original contract. These sculptures are now a part of the permanent collection.

Maintenance and Conservation – The Office of Cultural Affairs conducts regular condition reports of items in the public art collection, which are then 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](mailto:publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov). She shared a photograph of The Scarlet Letter by ALEXA SMITH, which is having maintenance concerns addressed. A rendering of what is presumed to be the AnSan Sister City Park sculpture has been obtained, and staff has been directed to investigate the possibility of fabricating and re-affixing the missing elements. Staff is also working with SHAN MICHAEL EVANS, artist, to provide a quote for the restoration of the paint on top of the Bear with Me AMP Downtown Utility Cabinet Project located near 1025 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

Symphony Park Garage – MS. MACHADO said Domsy Glass was awarded the project and has contracted engineering services and will submit an illumination plan on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The engineering, structural, and fabrication plans are due on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Westside Will Ride Again Mural Project – MS. HOLDEN stated that the Office of Cultural Affairs, in partnership with the Office of Community Services, has identified a 14-foot high by 75-foot wide wall on City of Las Vegas property, located at 609 West Adams Avenue, to be painted on National Make a Difference Day by local community members on October 24, 2020. The project is called The Westside Will Ride Again Mural Project, and details are being finalized.

T-Alley Public Art Project – MS. MACHADO indicated Las Vegas Canyon Steel by LETHA WILSON was installed on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and painting of the wall behind the sculpture and foundation was completed on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

7. Presentation by Joshua Levine, Art Director with Fired Up Management, regarding public art at AREA15, located at 3215 South Rancho Drive, and a review of the Art Car Festival and Fremont Art Park events held on Fremont Street from Las Vegas Boulevard to Maryland Parkway – Wards 1 and 3

Minutes:

Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, which was attached as backup, JOSHUA LEVINE, Art Director and Curator for AREA15 and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Fired Up Management, shared several images of Art Island, which features large scale art projects from several different festivals and is one of the first outdoor galleries of such a large scale in Las Vegas. MR. LEVINE also showed several images of inside AREA15 and mentioned some of the artwork within the building including Mister Fusion by HENRY CHANG, the Oddwood Bar, the Tree of Tenure, the Omega Market, a temple, and a disco ball.

Videos were shown of Art Island and Fremont Art Park after which MR. LEVINE thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to share his projects.

8. ABEYANCE ITEM – Discussion for possible action regarding the new Ward 3 Proud Banner Project (\$33,000 of the Percent for the Arts Fund) – Ward 3

Minutes:

COUNCILWOMAN OLIVIA DIAZ shared her vision for the Ward 3 Proud Banner Project. She expressed excitement regarding the artwork within her Ward near the Arts District and downtown; however, the residents on the east side of the Ward have questioned the lack of artwork in their area. The Councilwoman wished for them to feel loved and to know they are a priority for her as well, and as a teacher, she believed in getting resources and opportunities to those in need. COUNCILWOMAN DIAZ noted she wants everyone to have access to artwork, and this project would help to beautify and add value to the east side of the community. Eastern Avenue is a heavily used arterial, and she thought it would serve as a great location for the artists to connect to the community and for others to see their artwork. She wished to beautify and uplift the community and felt art can do this.

YDO YTURRALDE, Special Assistant to Council, requested the Commissioners' approval and was available to answer any questions.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO said he was also born in the area; he took a drive down the subject streets, and believed the area has been forgotten. He thought the whole area should be looked at, and this project is just the start.

ASHLEY FOSTER, Deputy City Clerk, read an e-comment in support of the project, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted and attached as backup, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, said after the last few Arts Commission meetings, staff was directed to coordinate more details, and more information was received from the City of Las Vegas Traffic Division. Staff also met with Ward 3 staff as well. She read the Project Description from the PowerPoint presentation and noted the Project Description could be applied to any of the areas mentioned. The project includes a 1.97-mile stretch, and 141 banners could be installed on the 86 light poles identified. Renderings were displayed of what the project would look like. The banners would be 24 inches wide by 79 inches high. MS. HOLDEN read the Artwork Selection Process and reviewed the initial and ongoing costs of the project found in the PowerPoint presentation and noted the amount on the agenda was \$33,000 but was based upon past projects.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO wished to discuss the area of Lamb Boulevard to Nellis Boulevard in the future.

CHAIR BRIARE asked if there were any other avenues of funding explored. MS. HOLDEN said because the item is agendaized for \$33,000, the amount cannot be exceeded; however, the Department of Economic and

Urban Development has offered to consider a contribution of funding once the Arts Commission dedicates funds to this project.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN questioned the total costs of the banners. MS. HOLDEN confirmed if only \$33,000 was funded, the project would be adjusted.

CHAIR BRIARE wondered what the Commissioners thought of approving \$33,000 contingent upon the remainder of the funds being raised. COMMISSIONER SPROTT asked what the Arts Commission's budget currently is. LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, referred to the September meeting where COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLLEN provided a budget update. MS. MACHADO said there is \$81,730.11 left available. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLLEN believed some projects were approved from this amount from that meeting. MS. MACHADO commented that some of these projects have already been paid.

Motion made by Jim Briare to Approve the allocation of \$33,000 contingent upon the balance funding to be negotiated with other departments

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

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

9. Discussion regarding a potential public art project within the boundaries of South Las Vegas Boulevard, East Washington Avenue, North Nellis Boulevard, and East Charleston Boulevard – Ward 3

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, stated that at the last Arts Commission meeting, COMMISSIONER PACHECO requested an item be placed on the next agenda regarding a potential public art project within the boundaries of South Las Vegas Boulevard, East Washington Avenue, North Nellis Boulevard, and East Charleston Boulevard.

Through a PowerPoint presentation, which was submitted and attached as backup, REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, identified and displayed photographs of public art projects within the boundaries. The artworks include 15 AMP utility cabinets, 12 artist-designed bike racks, 11 sidewalk artworks, six murals, six sculptures, three artist-designed tree guards, and 30 2-D (two dimensional) artworks. COMMISSIONER SPROTT mentioned some of the artwork invested in by Clark County including murals adorning Child Haven, painted by SUSH MACHIDA, and a future public art project at the youth/juvenile courthouse.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO commented that he was on the committee that picked the artists and sculptures for the front of the East Las Vegas Community Center.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT thought the best places to look at for a potential public art project were the City of Las Vegas-owned property. MS. MACHADO said a location has been identified on 28<sup>th</sup> Street for the Contemporary Public Art Program.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT believed when speaking about the east side, it is regarding the far east end of Ward 3. On the east side, there are not a lot of restaurants, farmers markets, etc. She thought it would be great to see artwork further down in the ward and noted Clark County is also looking into the area for projects.

CHAIR BRIARE informed the Commissioners that they can recommend their ideas for projects to the Project Development Subcommittee. He invited the community to share their ideas as well. COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLLEN added that the Commission must keep in mind the financial impact of any projects.

10. **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 PACHECO wished to keep the discussion going regarding projects in Ward 3.

11. **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.

12. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Ashley Foster, Deputy City Clerk

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Ally Haynes-Hamblen, Director, Office of Cultural Affairs

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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006  
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and  
The Nevada Public Notice Website – [notice.nv.gov](http://notice.nv.gov)