



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

CHAIR KLEVEN called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

PRESENT: CHAIR KLEVEN and COMMISSIONERS PLASTER, CURRAN (via teleconference), SPROTT, HAMPTON (via teleconference), BEDNARCZYK, ROBERTS, DOUGLAS, DODSON, and CARLSON

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS HACKETT-MORGAN and WESTFIELD

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, REBECCA HOLDEN, and MARY SABO, Visual Arts Specialists II; VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney; 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; 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.

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None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2022

Motion made by Maggie Plaster to Approve

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

For-John Curran, Mickey Sprott, Jennifer Kleven, Ryan Hampton, Heather Bednarczyk, Eric Roberts, Fawn Douglas, Michael Dodson, Marni Carlson, Maggie Plaster; Excused-Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, Monique Westfield;

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

Minutes:

CHAIR KLEVEN reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: the Las Vegas Valley Book Festival, The Threepenny Opera by Vegas City Opera, the Asteroid M Halloween Block Party, and the Dia De Los Muertos Celebration. She provided some of the details regarding

event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists, noting additional information can be found at www.artslasvegas.org or by calling 702-229-ARTS.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS announced an event taking place at the Rogers Studio Gallery with ALEXANDRA CARTER. She also noted the Nuwu Art Gallery + Community Center is open with gallery hours on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4:00 p.m. It is located at 1331 South Maryland Parkway. More information can be found at www.nuwuarts.com. Lastly, the City of Henderson will host an event on Water Street on November 12th featuring championship hoop dancer CARL DUNCAN and his family.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT shared information about the Call to Action for arts and culture organizations and groups and noted there is a link on www.clarkcountynv.gov/parks to participate in an arts and culture survey for the project.

CHAIR KLEVEN said UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) is hosting an annual art walk on November 4th, which will be sponsored by the College of Fine Arts, and will feature activities throughout the evening. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art and Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery. The Neon Museum, the City of Las Vegas, and UNLV's School of Architecture have partnered on an exhibit opening at the Grand Gallery titled Wayward Eye. This solo exhibition features the photographs of DENISE SCOTT BROWN, taken between 1956 to 1966, and delves into the artist's exploration of urbanism, pop art, and the emerging architectural landscape of Roadside America. The exhibition is part of Duck Duck Shed by The Neon Museum and will open on October 27th. COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS added that Denim and Diamonds will begin October 22nd from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Walking Box Ranch in Searchlight, Nevada.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS said the Las Vegas Chapter of the Urban Sketchers will host an event at The Neon Museum, and it will be open to the public.

6. Presentation by Steve Ford, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, regarding an overview of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – All Wards

Minutes:

STEVE FORD, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, said he has been employed by the City of Las Vegas for over 25 years and has held several positions, which he named. Last October, he was asked to step into the Acting Director position and then offered the permanent position of Director in April of this year. In June, after the departure of the previous Director (of the Office of Cultural Affairs), the decision was made by the City Manager to merge the two departments (the Office of Cultural Affairs and the Parks and Recreation Department). As of July 2022, the Department is now known as the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. It consists of three divisions, which include recreation, grounds maintenance, and cultural affairs. The Cultural Affairs Division will be overseen by MAGGIE PLASTER, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director. This merger expands programming and helps create more recreation and cultural affairs opportunities for the public. He felt he has a lot to learn but is excited about the opportunity to help the Arts Commission support performing and visual arts. He spent the last 25 years building and creating and felt it was natural that this Commission and the Department can now create a community together.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT asked if the Department will continue to support staff and vital educational opportunities. He affirmed as he felt the arts are a part of the community and are important. He was also in support of the Public Art Master Plan. CHAIR KLEVEN was excited that MR. FORD'S background is in engineering and wondered what his favorite piece of artwork in the city is. MR. FORD said the mural at the East Las Vegas Community Center.

7. Report by Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs staff regarding all current Percent for the Arts projects and budgets – All Wards

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, REBECCA HOLDEN, and MARY SABO, Visual Arts Specialists II, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, regarding the current Percent for the Arts projects. MS. MACHADO stated that the first PowerPoint slide was a listing of all of the projects approved by the Arts Commission and supported by Percent for the Arts funds. She noted that the

Staff Report, which was attached and included as backup, includes the project name, the associated budget, the project manager, and the amount expended for each project.

MS. SABO, MS. HOLDEN, and MS. MACHADO shared information regarding the location and timeline as well as the artists involved in the following initiatives: 3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project, 3rd Street Partnership, AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project (All Wards), AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project (Wards 5 and 6), Casino Center Pocket Park Sculpture Project, Civic Center Plaza Public Art Project, Conservation and Maintenance, Conservation and Maintenance for Radial Symmetry and Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Memorial, East Las Vegas Banner Project, Flourish by Denise Duarte, James Gay III Park Public Art Project, Medical District Public Art Project, Municipal Courthouse Public Art Project, Ogden Underpass Project, and Public Art Master Plan.

Regarding the AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project (Wards 5 and 6), CHAIR KLEVEN asked for clarification about open contracts. MS. HOLDEN explained that all of the projects were supposed to be completed by June 30th; however, there is a contractual provision that allows a 180-day extension if all parties are agreeable to it. MS. HOLDEN reached out to an artist whose work and progress she was monitoring and determined they would not be done in time. She worked with this artist to ensure they were not in default of the contractual terms for being overdue.

MS. SABO confirmed for COMMISSIONER SPOTT that the Ogden Underpass Project will no longer be a public art project and is now considered a Public Works project. It will not use arts and culture funding. CHAIR KLEVEN wondered about the allocated \$150,000, to which MS. SABO said the Arts Commission will have to vote on its re-allocation.

CHAIR KLEVEN wondered what the white building along East Fremont Street was. MS. HOLDEN said one of the property owners along the corridor is in the midst of a renovation, which includes that building as well as a dining opportunity and stairway. She indicated that there will be a Request for Qualifications seeking qualified artists interested in the 3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project.

8. **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.

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COMMISSIONER SPOTT requested a presentation on the internal process of RFQs (Request for Qualifications), such as explaining who the stakeholders are in an RFQ evaluation panel and how RFQs are developed. She also asked for an item regarding contract language. COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS liked these suggestions and wished for the item regarding RFQs to include how individuals are selected to serve on an evaluation panel.

CHAIR KLEVEN wondered what happened with the contemporary public art program, and REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, offered to provide an update on the program at the next meeting.

9. **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.

10. **Adjournment**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Maggie Plaster, Deputy Director
Office of Cultural Affairs

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