



## Arts Commission Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR CURRAN and COMMISSIONERS SPROTT (excused until 4:17 p.m.), SCHEFCIK (excused until 4:12 p.m.), TUPAZ, TRIMBLE, KARPEL, LOWDEN (excused until 4:26 p.m.), PACHECO, PLASTER, and HAYNES-HAMBLEN

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER BRIARE

ALSO PRESENT: REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, ELIAS GEORGE, 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: City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway; Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue; City of Las Vegas Development Services Center, 333 North Rancho Drive.

### 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 November 21, 2019

Motion made by John Curran to Approve

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

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

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

Minutes:

CHAIR CURRAN welcomed COMMISSIONER PLASTER to the Arts Commission. COMMISSIONER PLASTER introduced himself stating that he has lived in Las Vegas for 46 years and is the owner of Signature

Homes. He has been actively involved in the performing arts within the community and has served on the boards of the Nevada Ballet Theatre, the Las Vegas Symphony, the Meadows School, and the Smith Center.

CHAIR CURRAN reviewed the list of cultural events taking place throughout the city which included the following: The Poets' Corner hosted by LaBlaque, Kwanza Celebration: Nguzo Saba - Ujima, the annual State of the City address, Public Employee Exhibition, and Chinese Heritage - Year of the Rat Exhibition. He provided some of the details regarding the event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO invited everyone to see his newly installed Christmas lights.

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 as backup.

3rd Street Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO said the poetry for this project was curated by Poetry Promise and has been formatted and provided to the Department of Public Works. It will be installed using Endurablend, and WAYNE LITTLEJOHN will transport the full-size mock-up for Atomic Tumbleweed to the foundry in Colorado by the end of December.

AMP Ward 5 - MS. HOLDEN indicated the Arts Commission allocated \$10,000 towards this project.

Arts District Public Arts Project - MS. MACHADO stated that the first project milestone has been met, and YASMINA CHAVEZ and JAVIER SANCHEZ will be paid for the planning, permitting, and fabrication. She hoped for the installation of the project to occur by November of 2020.

Las Vegas Senior Center - MS. HOLDEN said the Arts Commission allocated \$20,000 towards this project, and there has been another \$5,000 that has been allocated towards the project by the Department of Operations and Maintenance. Planning is underway and a call for artwork has been issued which will close on January 6th. From there, an evaluation panel will meet and installation will occur for a tentative January 23rd opening date of the facility.

Maintenance and Conservation - The Arts Commission allocated \$60,000 annually towards the care of artwork in the city's public art collection and additionally, the Department of Public Works has allocated \$50,000 this fiscal year towards the care of artwork that is not considered to be part of the collection.

Municipal Courthouse Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO stated that a total budget has been allocated and divided into three sections. The first portion will be for artwork on the exterior of the building. The Request for Proposals has been issued and the exact location of the artwork is still being finalized. The second portion will be for artwork in the entryway which has moved forward with three semi-finalists having been selected. The artists will be giving their artist presentation on January 16th which she hoped the Commissioners could attend. When this Request for Proposals closes, the third portion will be issued for artwork for the interior of the courthouse.

Symphony Park Garage - Artwork is being incorporated into the Symphony Park Garage, and MS. MACHADO stated that another planning meeting will be held on January 9th to determine the final location of the artwork. The contract will be awarded shortly thereafter.

Storm Drain Public Art Project 2019 - This project is in partnership with the Department of Public Works and middle school students are taught about stormwater pollution. The project culminates in a mural that is painted near the school. MYRANDA BAIR, the artist selected, completed the second mural at KO Knudson Middle School in November of 2019. MS. BAIR took drawings from the students, combined and painted them in a mural.

T-Alley Public Art Project - DT Alley - LETHA WILSON was awarded this project titled Las Vegas Canyon Alley Steel. MS. WILSON is awaiting a fully executed contract and purchase order so she can move forward.

West Las Vegas Arts Center Sculpture - MS. HOLDEN stated that the Arts Commission has allocated \$75,000 towards this project. She shared photographs of the pieces of the sculptures currently stored at an offsite

facility. Staff anticipated the pieces would be removed from that facility and transported to a local fabrication shop within the next couple of weeks. The sculptures should be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

CHAIR CURRAN asked for the extent of the delay on the exterior of the courthouse. MS. MACHADO did not believe a location would be determined before January 1st but hoped a location would be determined sooner rather than later. Because of the budget of the project, staff wanted to ensure the final location is suitable for the artwork.

The Chair commented that the DT Alley is almost completed and artists should be working soon.

7. Discussion for possible action regarding the annual election of officers – All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR CURRAN stated that his term has ended and nominated COMMISSIONER BRIARE as Chair. He nominated COMMISSIONER SPROTT as Vice Chair and asked for volunteers for Second Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER HAYNES-HAMBLÉN asked for clarification of the duties of the Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair. DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY ELIAS GEORGE confirmed the officers would conduct the meeting in the absence of the Chair and or Vice Chair.

CHAIR CURRAN was honored to have served as Chair and looked forward to the new leadership.

Motion made by John Curran to Approve the appointment of Jim Briare as Chair

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

Motion made by John Curran to Approve the appointment of Mickey Sprott as Vice Chair

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

Motion made by John Curran to Approve the appointment of Richard Plaster as Second Vice Chair

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

8. Discussion for possible action regarding the acceptance of the Ansan Sister City Park Sculpture located at Ansan Sister City Park at 7801 Ducharme Avenue into the city's public art collection (No Fiscal Impact) – Ward 2

Minutes:

REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, directed the Commissioners' attention to the additional background information in their binders, which is included in the backup. Through a PowerPoint presentation, she explained that several projects in need of repairs were brought to the attention of staff; the projects have not been formally adopted into the public art collection. She described the subject sculpture which is a bronze sculpture on a slate pedestal. In knowing that there are funds for maintenance and conservation, staff has brought this sculpture forward for consideration by the Arts Commission to accession it into the collection. She showed several photographs of the condition of the sculpture noting its deterioration in several areas. Currently, there is no quote of expenses, but once determined, those expenses would come from the \$50,000 allocated from the Department of Public Works. MS. HOLDEN displayed the current budget remaining.

She stated that the sculpture was donated to the City of Las Vegas in the 1980s and later, the Sister City Park Program was established adding that Ansan City in Korea has a Las Vegas Sister City Park. There is not much information on the sculpture including who the artist is, but MS. HOLDEN believed the cartoon character it is referencing is from a popular tourism cartoon from Korea. Staff hoped the sculpture is accessioned into the collection so that it may be properly cared for and restored to its original condition.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO asked if there was any information regarding preventative maintenance. MS. HOLDEN said regular, preventative maintenance and condition reporting is scheduled for artwork in the collection; however, because this sculpture has not been accessioned into the collection, it has not been cared for in that fashion.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT believed it made sense to bring the sculpture into the collection.

CHAIR CURRAN requested a report on Las Vegas Sister City Park. MS. HOLDEN could not promise a robust report as there was a lack of information available. She informed the Chair that staff would seek a quote from a local company, and staff would include a metal guard along the base of the sculpture to prevent further damage from skateboarders.

Motion made by Sandy Karpel to Approve the acceptance of the Ansan Sister City Park Sculpture into the city's public art collection

Passed For: 10; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

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

9. Report by Office of Cultural Affairs staff regarding details related to the upcoming AMP Utility Box Painting Project at various locations throughout the ward – Ward 5

Minutes:

REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist, directed the Commissioners' attention to a map in their binders and said she would be providing a more detailed report through a PowerPoint presentation, which has been included in the backup.

MS. HOLDEN showed a general outline of the Ward 5 area followed by a more detailed map of the ward stating that a conversation was held with community stakeholders and COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE to determine locations for the AMP Ward 5 project. Staff looked at expanding to areas that have not yet been activated with public artwork along Torrey Pines Drives between Washington Avenue and Alexander Road. In identifying these areas, staff looked at traffic patterns to ensure the areas have lower traffic and speed limits and traffic lights. She identified the six locations selected.

MS. HOLDEN noted it was discussed how to incorporate an educational component with the project but the details are still being determined. Additionally, a public meeting so those who are interested can attend and learn about Ward 5 to help develop their proposals for the project is also being considered.

She informed COMMISSIONER SPROTT that each intersection has one City of Las Vegas traffic control cabinet and a smaller cabinet; however, it was her understanding that the smaller cabinets may be removed at some point even though some of the artists have elected to include the smaller cabinets in their artwork.

CHAIR CURRAN thanked MS. HOLDEN for her presentation and was happy she worked with COMMISSIONER TRIMBLE to help identify the best project forward. He looked forward to the completion of the project.

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 said the paintbrush at 4th Street and Charleston Boulevard is not illuminated and believed the sculpture did not look like a paintbrush at all. He felt something should be done about this. REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialist II, offered to provide a report on the Paintbrush Gateway Project at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER SPROTT asked if there is a time of year that staff will provide a review to the Arts Commission of all of the artwork in need of maintenance. LAURA MACHADO, Visual Arts Specialist II, believed MS. HOLDEN addresses each piece individually and concurred with MS. HOLDEN'S response to include a report on the Paintbrush Gateway Project. COMMISSIONER SPROTT thought including the matter in a staff report would suffice.

COMMISSIONER PACHECO wished for the Arts Commission to also discuss the artwork at the entrance of the Neon Gateway. COMMISSIONER SPROTT believed staff has already provided a report at a previous meeting and encouraged COMMISSIONER PACHECO to reference those Minutes. She thought staff could send the website link to the Commissioners that provides additional information about the artwork and its artist.

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 4:57 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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