



## 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 (via teleconference and excused until 4:04 p.m.), BEDNARCZYK, ROBERTS, WESTFIELD, DOUGLAS (via teleconference and excused at 4:17 p.m.), DODSON (via teleconference), and CARLSON (via teleconference)

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS HACKETT-MORGAN and HAMPTON

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; REBECCA HOLDEN and MARY SABO, Visual Arts Specialists II; JEANNE VOLTURA, Visual Arts Specialist I; 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](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 December 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, Heather Bednarczyk, Eric Roberts, Monique Westfield, Fawn Douglas, Michael Dodson, Marni Carlson, Maggie Plaster; Excused-Ryan Hampton, Suzanne Hackett-Morgan;

### 5. Report by Jennifer Kleven, Arts Commission Chair, regarding a 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 dedication of three new murals completed for the Historic Westside Mural Project, due dates to

submit qualifications for the Wellness Way Mural and the Parking Meter Art Wraps, qualifications are being accepted for the 2023 AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Program, NEA Big Read: The Blue Zone Comedy Tour 2023, a celebration of the completion of the Washington Avenue Murals, the Ward 3 Banner Project, new artwork and murals for the inside of the East Las Vegas Community Center, multiple performances of Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare, and the Las Vegas Arts and Culture Summit. She provided some of the details regarding event/exhibit locations, dates, and artists, noting additional information can be found at [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org) or by calling 702-229-ARTS.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS said the Two Cultures, One Family: Building Family, Finding Home Exhibition by ERIKA GISELA ABAD, Ph.D., at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Fine Arts at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) will have a closing reception on Friday, January 27th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Justin Favela: Fantasia/Fantasy, A Decade of Practice 2011-2021 will be held at the Nuwu Art Gallery and Community Center, located at 1331 South Maryland Parkway, on Friday, January 27th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This exhibition will be on display from January 27th to May 12th. The Commissioner noted there are a number of events taking place at the Grant Hall Gallery, a closing reception for the Midway Exhibition will take place on January 27th, and a reading by JEAN MUNSON titled Stretch Marks will be held at the UNLV Beverly Rogers Literature and Law Building on January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS said the Mayor's Symposium on Urban Design will be held on January 31st at the Historic Fifth Street School. There will be a lecture by ALAN HESS at 5:30 p.m. on the 31st followed by other lectures on February 1st regarding housing and design in Las Vegas. Admission is free.

6. Report by artist Denise Duarte regarding a status update on the Flourish project located within the Las Vegas Cultural Corridor, which is located within Ward 5

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, said when speaking about new projects, the Arts Commission decided to commission DENISE DUARTE to redesign the Cultural Corridor sidewalk enhancements, which she was present to speak on.

MS. DUARTE said her father's side of the family is from the Azores, and her last name is pronounced "do art". Through the use of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted and attached as backup, she presented on the project, which has been renamed LifeSource. The redesign focuses on fabricating the artwork in Lithocrete, while striving to retain the original Flourish design's fluidity, which references the eddies and swirls of what was once the Las Vegas Creek. It flowed in this area and provided the Valley's first settlers refreshment, life sustainability, and water for cultivation. In addition, these 12 redesigned artworks will continue to provide a grand gesture in the tradition of iconic Las Vegas with a nod to the prevalence of flourishes in many historic neon signs.

She noted that water is an essential life source, and that is why people settled in Las Vegas. LifeSource's palette focuses on the transitions of the color spectrum, referencing the impact of water and sunlight and the rare Mojave desert's occurrence of rain causing a rainbow. In the Mojave, it symbolizes the promise of precipitation.

The project will be either porcelain or glass tile embedded for the main elements with aggregate glass distributed between and surrounding each element. The proposed size is five feet in width by 18 feet, 10 inches in length. She thanked MS. MACHADO for rendering a photo of the type of sidewalks the artwork will be placed in.

COMMISSIONER PLASTER asked how the artwork will be laid out. MS. DUARTE said each piece will be in the order of the color spectrum. It will begin and end with blue, which symbolizes water. COMMISSIONER WESTFIELD asked how durable the material will be. MS. DUARTE said she was only contracted for the design but believed the material is very durable and the mosaics are prefabricated.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS thought the artwork was beautiful and would be a welcomed symbol.

CHAIR KLEVEN asked if the artwork will be on both sides of the street. MS. MACHADO explained that the artwork will alternate, starting at Casino Center Boulevard and Stewart Avenue, along Las Vegas Boulevard,

and will end at the Old Las Vegas Mormon Fort. Staff hoped to install plaques similar to what was installed for the Atomic Stars Project.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS believed this will be a beautiful application and wondered if the artwork will be installed as shapes or within a square that will then be installed. MS. DUARTE said the mosaics and aggregate glass are fabricated into mesh, which is then laid down and poured over with Lithocrete. The Commissioner asserted that he wished for the artwork to contemplate any engineering interference. MS. DUARTE noted that her contract is for the design only, and she has not been contracted for the installation or fabrication, which is through the Department of Public Works. MS. MACHADO said she has spoken to the Department and hoped to work with MS. DUARTE in the future so that the sidewalk lines can be incorporated into the design.

7. Report by Cultural Affairs staff regarding a monthly summary of current initiatives – All Wards

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, and 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 current projects and artistic opportunities. MS. HOLDEN noted that the monthly Staff Report was also provided to the Commissioners, a copy of which was included in the backup.

MS. MACHADO, MS. HOLDEN, and MS. SABO shared information regarding the location and timeline as well as the artists involved in the following initiatives: Upcoming Arts Commission Schedule, 3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project, AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project (All Wards), Casino Center Pocket Park Sculpture Project, Charleston Boulevard Underpass Mural Project, Civic Center Plaza Public Art Project, Contemporary Public Art Program, East Las Vegas Community Center, Conservation and Maintenance, East Las Vegas Banner Project, Medical District Public Art Project, Municipal Courthouse Public Art Project, Parking Meter Art Wraps, and Washington Avenue Median Mural Project.

MS. HOLDEN said the Las Vegas Arts and Culture Summit will be held on Thursday, February 16th, which is an all-day event. The Arts Commission meeting is scheduled to occur at 4:00 p.m. that day, and staff proposed the cancelation of that meeting in order to allow the Commissioners to attend the event. The Chair confirmed with the Commissioners that the cancelation was okay. The Chair informed COMMISSIONER WESTFIELD that the Las Vegas Arts and Culture Summit will be held at the World Market Center, and MS. HOLDEN offered to send out additional information as well. MS. HOLDEN indicated an Education Subcommittee of the Arts Commission is proposed for March, as the February meeting was canceled.

CHAIR KLEVEN wondered when the remaining Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Medical District Public Art Project will be released. MS. HOLDEN said with the allocation confirmed and approved by the City Council in November, staff held a walkthrough with stakeholders to identify as many sites as possible for public art. Currently, there are 14 sites proposed, and several business owners have also expressed interest. Staff is also considering what might be eligible for use of the Percent for the Arts Fund. She noted two locations have been identified for the incorporation of the AMP Utility Cabinet Painting Project, and multiple sites have been identified for a 3D (three-dimensional) object as well as for the mural. Staff is in the process of preparing materials that COMMISSIONER PLASTER will share with the Councilman's office.

COMMISSIONER PLASTER asked how many RFQ submissions were received for the 3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project, to which MS. HOLDEN replied 41.

COMMISSIONER WESTFIELD asked about an update regarding the James Gay III Park. MS. MACHADO said she was informed that the project's timeline must align with other projects that are planned for the park. She noted speaking with the Department of Economic and Urban Development and was told a meeting would be held later in the month.

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.

Minutes:

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS wondered if the Commissioners could attend the March Education Subcommittee of the Arts Commission meeting. CHAIR KLEVEN replied in the affirmative, adding that they can also provide public comment.

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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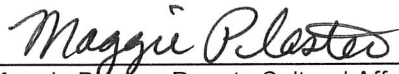
The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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Ashley Foster, CMC, Deputy City Clerk



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Maggie Plaster, Deputy Cultural Affairs Director  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

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