



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR KLEVEN and COMMISSIONERS HACKETT-MORGAN (via teleconference), DOUGLAS (via teleconference and excused until 4:04 p.m.), PLASTER, BEDNARCZYK, ROBERTS (via teleconference), WESTFIELD (via teleconference), DE SANTIS, CHEUK (excused until 4:01 p.m.), and CHI (via teleconference)

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS DODSON and LEE

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; REBECCA HOLDEN, MARY SABO, and HOLLY LAY, Visual Arts Specialists II; VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and BRIAN CARROLL, Senior 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.

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 January 18, 2024

Motion made by Maggie Plaster to Approve

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

For-Jennifer Kleven, Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, Heather Bednarczyk, Eric Roberts, Monique Westfield, Fawn Douglas, Joan De Santis, Sapira Cheuk, Maggie Plaster, Terry Chi; Excused-Michael Dodson, Pauline Lee;

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: Created in Paper and Everyday Materials, The African American Heritage Exhibition: A Collection of the Inspirational Black Experience, Call for Artists: Pre-Qualified Sculptor List, Call for Artists: Fine Art Gallery Exhibition Proposals, Celebrating Life! 2024 Master's Exhibit, and Lunar New Year of the Dragon. She provided 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 CHEUK advised that the Nevada Creative Conference was scheduled from May 30th to June 1st in Reno, Nevada. She said the Nevada Arts Council is accepting applications until April 1st at 5:00 p.m. for the Project Grant for Artists, which provides \$3,000 for an art project taking place between July 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. Additional information can be found at www.nvartscouncil.org.

COMMISSIONER PLASTER stated that the second annual Las Vegas Arts and Culture Summit will take place on February 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Historic Fifth Street School. She expected 250 attendees and noted main topics will include arts advocacy and arts education.

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS noted that the monthly Urban Sketchers Las Vegas meeting would be held at the Little Church of the West on February 17th. He advised that future meetings will take place on the second Saturday of each month.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS explained that Murals For Change within the Arts District are Native American murals recently completed by GREGG DEAL, Pyramid Lake Paiute muralist, AVIS CHARLEY, and herself. The Commissioner highlighted the Forward: A Weaving Our Cultures exhibition occurring at the Nuwu Art Gallery + Community Center, located at 1331 South Maryland Parkway. The exhibition will run until May and can be viewed on Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays. ASHANTI McGEE hosts the Weaving Wednesdays workshop at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in February, and XOCHIL XITLALLI will hold the Butterfly Paper Mache workshop on February 23rd. Additional information can be found at www.nuwuart.com.

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

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, and HOLLY LAY, REBECCA HOLDEN, and MARY SABO, Visual Arts Specialists II, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, regarding current projects and artistic opportunities.

Upcoming Arts Commission Schedule – MS. LAY reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule, noting that regular Commission meetings would be held in March, April, May, and June.

Call for Artists: Fine Art Gallery Exhibition Proposals – MS. MACHADO said they were looking for artists to display artwork at Charleston Heights Arts Center Gallery and the City Hall Grand Gallery.

Call for Artists: Pre-Qualified Sculptor List – MS. LAY advised that they were seeking Statements of Qualifications to establish a pre-qualified sculptor list for upcoming projects. The list will be valid for approximately three years, and the projects will range from under \$10,000 to \$300,000. This call closes on February 29th.

Casino Center Pocket Park Sculpture Project – MS. SABO said staff had recently conducted a site visit and noted that the artist team was working on their engineering documents.

Civic Center Plaza Second Sculpture Public Art Project – MS. MACHADO confirmed that the City contracted Michele Quinn Fine Art Advisory to consider a second sculpture for the Civic Plaza. The art consultant will review the project scope and select three to five artists.

Conservation and Maintenance – MS. HOLDEN reminded the Commissioners that artwork is regularly maintained and conserved, and she displayed images from the presentation showing art pieces with graffiti and surface damage. The public is encouraged to contact publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov with any concerns regarding the public art collection.

Contemporary Public Art Program – MS. MACHADO said Enriched Heritage by ADOLFO GONZALEZ was installed on January 25th in front of the Obodo Collective, located at 1300 C Street.

Corridor of Hope Health and Wellness Mural – MS. SABO explained that the Public Works Department provided funding for a new mural at the Health and Wellness Center, which provides healthcare services to the unhoused community. Four artists were selected from the pre-qualified muralist list to develop design proposals. She stated that a community meeting was held with the artists, and she expected the project to be completed by November.

Doc Romeo Skate Park Mural Project – MS. SABO advised that a survey was developed and will be available via QR (quick response) codes at the park. Staff is working with NICO ROUSSIN and Paints with Care, and she said community painting events will be held in April.

Historic Westside Legacy Park Honoree Portraits 2023 – MS. LAY noted that LOLITA DEVELAY, artist, completed 14 portraits of the honorees, which were on display at the City Hall Chamber Gallery.

Medical District Public Art Projects – MS. HOLDEN explained that the Rancho Gateway project had entered Phase Two. She stated that Request for Proposals were due in May from the three finalists, and she expected to hold a public meeting in May or June to share the designs. The Wellness Way Mural was completed in December 2023, and a wall use agreement is in place with UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) until 2028. Regarding the Wellness Way Gateway, Pahor Drive, and Shadow Lane projects, MS. HOLDEN expected artists to be sourced from the pre-qualified sculpture list solicitation, which will close on February 29th.

Meow Wolf Mural at Police Memorial Skatepark – MS. LAY said a free artist workshop with IANDRY RANDRIAMANDROSO will be held on February 23rd from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m at 3521 North Durango Drive.

Public Art and Gallery Assistant – MS. MACHADO advised they were accepting applications for this part-time position. Interested applicants are invited to visit www.artsregistrylas.vegas to apply.

CHAIR KLEVEN questioned the reasoning behind hiring a consultant for the Civic Center Plaza Second Sculpture Public Art Project, and she wondered if this was the first time a consultant had been used. MS. MACHADO clarified this was the first time she had worked with a consultant. She explained that they wanted to try a different solicitation method for an expedited process, noting that the first project took several years to develop. The Chair noticed that the pre-qualified sculpture list solicitation closes on February 29th, and she asked if the list would be reopened for new artists. MS. LAY hoped to keep the list for around three years, and she said sculpture projects normally take that long. She advised that a call may be opened if a jury was not interested in using the pre-qualified list.

7. Report by Cultural Affairs staff regarding the Public Art Master Plan – All Wards

Minutes:

REBECCA HOLDEN, Visual Arts Specialists II, explained that the Commissioners received draft copies of the Public Art Master Plan (Master Plan), and she narrated from a PowerPoint presentation, both of which were submitted for the record, to provide a timeline on the next steps. She advised that they received this version of the Master Plan on February 14th, and it was provided to the Commissioners to avoid any delay in the project timeline. She listed a summary of observed edits from the presentation, which included exchanging photographs and credits and standardizing phrases and terms. Regarding the timeline, MS. HOLDEN expected City staff to present a list of edits to Art Builds Community on February 27th, and the final Master Plan should be received on March 11th. The Master Plan will be presented to the Commission for approval at their meeting on March 21st, before being reviewed by the City Council at their April 3rd meeting.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS expressed appreciation towards staff for their work and said it was a robust plan, and CHAIR KLEVEN echoed those sentiments. The Commissioner noted that including reparations for Native peoples had been discussed at a previous meeting, and she wanted to ensure that a portion of the arts was dedicated to Indigenous arts.

The Chair wondered if there was any indication that the Council would not approve the Master Plan. MS. HOLDEN explained that the Council expressed support for the Master Plan when they approved the Municipal

Arts Plan in Fiscal Year 22, and she was working with the Planning Division to navigate presenting the Master Plan to the Council. She asked the Commissioners to speak with their City Councilmember, noting that the summary of completed projects within the Master Plan's appendices was organized by ward.

COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN requested the appendices, and MS. HOLDEN offered to send it via e-mail. COMMISSIONER ROBERTS confirmed with MS. HOLDEN that she has a spiral-bound hard copy available for the Commissioners.

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 item 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:
None.

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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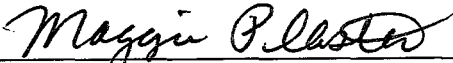
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
The meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Senior Deputy City Clerk



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

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN NRS 241.020:

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