



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: ACTING CHAIR BEDNARCZYK and COMMISSIONERS DOUGLAS (excused until 4:01), ROBERTS (excused until 4:05), HACKETT-MORGAN (via teleconference), WESTFIELD, DE SANTIS, CHEUK, CHI, LEE, BEALS, and PORTNOY

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER KLEVEN

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; BENJAMIN JOHNSEN, Visual Arts Specialist II; MAGGIE PLASTER, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director; VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney; BRIAN CARROLL, Senior Deputy City Clerk; and NICK CRAWFORD, 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 September 19, 2024

Motion made by Terry Chi to Approve

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

For-Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, Heather Bednarczyk, Sapira Cheuk, Joan De Santis, Terry Chi, Pauline Lee, Monique Westfield, Fawn Douglas, Carmen Beals, Neal Portnoy; Excused-Eric Roberts, Jennifer Kleven;

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

Minutes:

ACTING CHAIR BEDNARCZYK reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city which included: Family Fiesta Block Party on 28th Street, Artist Talk with Amy Sol and Ross Takahashi, and Mexican Mythologies. 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 DE SANTIS reported that the Sun City Summerlin Art Club will hold their annual Fine Art Show on November 2nd and 3rd from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Desert Vista Community Center. The Commissioner welcomed all to attend and added that parking for the event is free.

COMMISSIONER BEALS said that ThirtyThree Gallery is hosting Economic Empowerment by Way of Talent featuring COURTNEY YARDS on October 19th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 912 West Owens Avenue.

COMMISSIONER CHEUK announced that the Nevada Arts Council is holding a Grant-Writing Narratives workshop hosted by LAURA MEYER, CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of House Level Consulting, on October 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. The Commissioner explained the workshop is designed to help new and experienced artists increase their chances of securing funding by crafting successful grant proposals. She added that the Nevada Arts Council is also offering a Retirement Secrets for Creative Entrepreneurs workshop on November 14th at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom. She encouraged participants to register in advance and advised that additional information can be found at www.nvartscouncil.org.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS invited those interested to join Nevada Humanities for a book reading from Las Vegas Writes, Volume 15, Desert Superbloom: Las Vegas Writers on Scarcity and Abundance on October 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Clark County Library. The Commissioner reported that Artist Talk and Closing Reception for LUIS VARELA-RICO'S first solo exhibition will be held on October 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Nuwu Art Gallery and Community Center. She clarified that people can still see the exhibition until October 26th. On November 1st, there will be a UNLV (University of Nevada Las Vegas) Art Walk at First Friday Las Vegas and the second Day of the Dead celebration at the Winchester Dondero Cultural Center. She said the Henderson Indigenous Heritage Celebration is a partnership with the City of Henderson in conjunction with Nuwu Art and noted that the free event will be located at Water Street Plaza. Further, she reported that Indigemart will be held at the Nuwu Art Gallery and Community Center on November 29th for Native American Heritage Day.

COMMISSIONER HACKETT-MORGAN hoped people would attend the Goldwell Open Air Museum 40th Anniversary celebration in Rhyolite, Nevada. She added that the event will feature a parade, musical performances, and an original play.

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 BENJAMIN JOHNSEN, Visual Arts Specialist 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 – MR. JOHNSEN reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule, noting that regular Commission meetings would be held in November and January. He said the December meeting was traditionally canceled due to holiday travels at the Chair's discretion and proposed a public art tour to replace the February 20th meeting for Commissioners to visit some of the collection. He said they would rent a bus and provide refreshments for the five-hour tour starting at 12:00 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. MS. MACHADO noted that an email will be sent out in the next few weeks to the Commissioners to see who can attend.

Public Art and Galleries Open Calls – MS. MACHADO listed three open Calls for Artists including 3 on Main, Windows on First, and Lunar New Year Exhibition Year of the Snake. She asked anyone to share these opportunities with those who may be interested.

3rd Street – East Ogden Avenue to East Fremont Street Public Art Project – MR. JOHNSEN advised that the evaluation panel met and after it was determined that the finalist was unable to secure the proper insurance, the panel decided to request a redesign proposal of the runner up project presented for an artwork at Civic Center. He stated that the artist has accepted the offer and will present their updated design for the new location to the panel in the coming months.

Civic Center Building Interior Public Art Project – MS. MACHADO reported that following an evaluation meeting, four artists were selected to move forward with the project. She said they are drafting the artistic services contracts and once they are approved, she hoped to share more information at the next meeting.

Conservation and Maintenance – MR. JOHNSEN stated that staff secured the services of J and J Window Wash for the cleaning of the Charleston Boulevard Underpass Mural in the amount of \$11,550. He added that staff also secured the services of local artist, DRAY, for the restoration of a utility cabinet painting in the amount of \$1,200.

Conservation and Maintenance – Paintbrush Gateway – MR. JOHNSEN said an RFP (request for proposal) for solicitation of maintenance was posted on September 25th. He noted that a pre-proposal meeting for the public is scheduled for October 24th at 10:00 a.m. and the evaluation panel will consider the submitted proposals after the RFP closes on January 8th.

Listos y Seguros Sculpture by JUSTIN FAVELA – MS. MACHADO announced that the Family Fiesta Block Party will be held on October 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She added that the Las Vegas Book Festival is taking place on Saturday and hoped to see everyone there.

Westside Education and Training Center Arts Projects – MR. JOHNSEN said the finalists for the mural and sculpture were issued RFPs, noting that the proposals are due on October 24th. He added that in-person presentations will be held sometime in November.

In response to COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS, MS. MACHADO clarified that the Family Fiesta Block Party will be held at the Roy Martin Parking Lot and will feature low-riders, music, dancers, and a taco truck as a part of the community engagement for the project. MS. MACHADO explained that after engaging with the community, MR. FAVELA will be presenting a design to the Arts Commission in December or January.

7. Discussion for possible action regarding the re-appointment of Carmen Beals to the Arts Commission – All Wards

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, said CARMEN BEALS was appointed on May 16, 2024 to fill the term of JENNIFER KLEVEN, which expired on October 15, 2024. MS. MACHADO explained that the term length is four years and no member may be appointed more than once. She said MS. BEALS is eligible for re-appointment and asked the Commission if they would like to re-appoint her.

Motion made by Fawn Douglas to Approve the re-appointment of Carmen Beals to the Arts Commission

Passed For: 11; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 1

For-Suzanne Hackett-Morgan, Heather Bednarczyk, Sapira Cheuk, Eric Roberts, Joan De Santis, Terry Chi, Pauline Lee, Monique Westfield, Fawn Douglas, Carmen Beals, Neal Portnoy; Excused-Jennifer Kleven;

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:

COMMISSIONER ROBERTS asked if there was plans for an Arts Summit next year. MAGGIE PLASTER, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director, explained that they have been focusing all of their efforts into a bill draft request to receive more funding for the Arts Council which would allow them to establish a local arts agency in Southern Nevada. MS. PLASTER said they have two legislators who support the bill moving forward and stated that once they get through the legislative session, they hope to have the Las Vegas Arts & Culture Summit in August next year. COMMISSIONER LEE asked if the Commissioners will have an opportunity to look at the proposed bill. MS. PLASTER explained that they are still working on the bill draft, but once they feel it is presentable, she said they can bring it to the commission.

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.

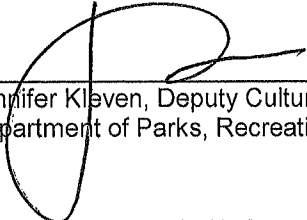
10. **Adjournment**

Minutes:
This meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Nick Crawford, Deputy City Clerk



Jennifer Kleven, Deputy Cultural Affairs 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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