



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR CHEUK and COMMISSIONERS BEDNARCZYK, KLEVEN, WESTFIELD, DE SANTIS (via teleconference), CHI, LEE (via teleconference), BEALS, PORTNOY, and VONBASTIAANS

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONERS ROBERTS and DOUGLAS

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist; HOLLY LAY and PARKER ARECCHI, Visual Arts Specialists II; VAL STEED, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and YVETT LOZOYA, 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 April 17, 2025

Motion made by Carmen Beals to Approve

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

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

5. Report by Sapira Cheuk, Arts Commission Chair, regarding a monthly summary of current initiatives, cultural events and opportunities - All Wards

Minutes:

CHAIR CHEUK welcomed TODD VONBASTIAANS to the Commission as a representative of Ward 1. Additionally, she reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: the Celebrating Life! 2025 Awards Reception on May 29th, stating the exhibition would be on view through September 11, 2025; and the opening reception of Creativity is the New Formula for Life on June

18th. She provided further details regarding event times and locations, noting additional information could be found at www.artslasvegas.org or by calling 702-229-ARTS.

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

Minutes:

LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist, and HOLLY LAY, 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. Additionally, MS. SABO noted the Commissioners received the staff report with updates for Percent for the Arts projects, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

Upcoming Arts Commission Schedule - MS. SABO reminded the Commissioners the next Commission meeting would be held on August 21st at 4:00 p.m., since there will be no Commission meetings for the months of June or July.

Public Art Tour for Arts Commissioners - MS. SABO announced six Commissioners RSVP'd for the first public art tour, which was booked for October 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She noted more information would be issued to the Commissioners who RSVP'd and the second tour would be in Spring 2026.

Public Art and Galleries Newsletter - MS. SABO recommended signing up for the Public Art and Galleries Newsletter to receive information about events and initiatives.

Public Art and Galleries Staff Update - MS. MACHADO introduced PARKER ARECCHI, Visual Arts Specialist II, as their newest team member. MS. ARECCHI is an arts professional with five years of experience in curation and collections management and holds a bachelor's degree in Visual and Material Culture.

Public Art and Gallery Program - MS. SABO stated the Public Employee Art Exhibition 2025 call for artists closes August 7th, noting there were ongoing calls for Guest Curators and the Public Art and Gallery Program Evaluators. Further details regarding the applications could be found at www.lasvegasnevada.gov/residents/arts-culture/arts-registry.

Celebrating Life! Annual Juried Exhibition and Awards - MS. SABO noted the annual reception for artists ages 50 and better would be held on May 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Charleston Heights Arts Center. She advised that the juror will be ROBIN STARK.

Civic Center Plaza Second Sculpture Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO said KRYSTAL RAMIREZ completed her second project milestone and the permit application was submitted to the Building and Safety Division for review. The project is expected to be installed in July or August.

Conservation and Maintenance - MS. SABO reported they continue to assess the conservation and maintenance needs of the collection. The public is encouraged to contact publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov with any concerns related to conservation, maintenance, or graffiti.

Conservation and Maintenance: Paintbrush Gateway - MS. MACHADO stated Twilight Designs was selected for the restoration project. Lane closures had been approved and the restoration work would begin within the next weeks.

Creativity is the New Formula for Life - MS. LAY invited the Commissioners to join the opening reception curated by ZOE CAMPER on June 18th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Gallery. The exhibition will feature a blend of Las Vegas and international artists through a partnership with the Royal Society for Arts.

Mirabelli Community Center Mural Project - MS. SABO said the three selected artists presented their proposals to the evaluation panel on April 16th. She advised the Commissioners they were working on a contract with the selected artist and would announce who was awarded once the contract is finalized. In addition, there will be community engagement events related to the mural at the community center during the summer.

Westside Education & Training Center Public Art Projects - MS. SABO acknowledged the continued work with ADOLFO GONZALEZ, artist, for both the mural and sculpture projects for the Westside Education &

Training Center. The building and safety permit for the sculpture was approved and fabrication was underway. Additionally, they were awaiting a start date for the mural project, and both projects were expected to be completed by fall.

COMMISSIONER CHI wondered if the public employee art project was communicated to School District (Clark County School District) art teachers, and she asked how the project was marketed. MS. SABO responded they did not do targeted marketing to the School District; however, submissions were received from teachers. She explained the project was published in the newsletter, and they used gallery open call methods.

COMMISSIONER PORTNOY questioned how curators would submit for an exhibit, and MS. SABO advised the details were on the arts registry website.

7. Presentation by Sallie Doeblar, of the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE, regarding Mayor's Fund initiatives - All Wards

Minutes:

MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist, stated SALLIE DOEBLER was unable to attend, and she requested an abeyance until the next Commission meeting in August.

Motion made by Carmen Beals to Hold in Abeyance to 8/21/2025

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

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

8. Discussion for possible action regarding the acceptance of a donation of artworks by Rashaan Gordon into the City's permanent artwork collection (No Fiscal Impact) - All Wards

Minutes:

HOLLY LAY, Visual Arts Specialist II, utilized a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, and said RASHAAN GORDON, artist, contacted staff regarding donating a piece that was in the Lunar New Year exhibition. She advised that the artwork was damaged and pierced in shipment, adding there was no space for the donation; therefore, staff recommended denying the piece.

CHAIR CHEUK agreed with staff's recommendation to not accept a damaged piece of artwork.

Motion made by Jennifer Kleven to Deny the donation

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

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

9. **ABEYANCE ITEM** - Discussion for possible action regarding the acceptance of a donation of artworks by Denise Duarte into the City's permanent artwork collection (No Fiscal Impact) - All Wards

Minutes:

MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist, stated pieces by DENISE DUARTE were brought forward at the last Commission meeting and the item was abeyed pending further information on potential locations for the pieces; however, MS. DUARTE rescinded her donation, as the timeline did not work for her.

COMMISSIONER PORTNOY wondered about the feasibility of auctioning artist's donations for the Commission. LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, said the question needed to be asked with the City Attorney's Office regarding selling assets. The Commissioner believed they should look into creating a bidding process to raise money, which he thought could be distributed through the newsletter. MS. MACHADO offered to speak with City administration to see how they could do that, noting they could not perform formal fundraising or solicitations.

See Item 10 for related discussion.

Motion made by Carmen Beals to Strike

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

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

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 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 PORTNOY referred to Item 9 and reiterated creating a program to raise money for the Commission through artist donations once the legal aspects were figured out. COMMISSIONER CHI wondered if that would be similar to the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas LIFE, and CHAIR CHEUK advised this item was not for discussion.

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.

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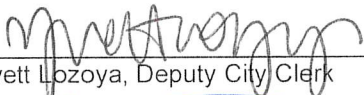
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12. **Adjournment**

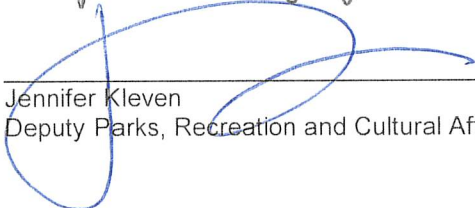
Minutes:

This meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Yvett Lozoya, Deputy City Clerk



Jennifer Kleven
Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

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