



## 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 (via teleconference), KLEVEN, WESTFIELD (via teleconference), DOUGLAS, DE SANTIS (via teleconference), CHI, BEALS, PORTNOY, and VONBASTIAANS (via teleconference)

EXCUSED: COMMISSIONER ROBERTS

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist; HOLLY LAY, Visual Arts Specialist II; PAUL MATA, Deputy City Attorney III; 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: Civic Center Building A, 525 South Main Street, 1st Floor; City Hall, 495 South Main Street, 1st Floor; and the City of Las Vegas website - [www.lasvegasnevada.gov](http://www.lasvegasnevada.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 August 28, 2025

Motion made by Carmen Beals to Approve

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

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

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

Minutes:

CHAIR CHEUK reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: the reception of Fields by DAVE ROWE, Meet the Artists of Civic Plaza on September 19th, the opening of the 2025 Public Employee exhibition at City Hall with the reception on October 16th, and the opening reception of The Afterparty exhibition by KAT RYALS and DEBORAH NEWMAN on October 16th. She provided further details regarding event times and locations, noting additional information could be found at [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org) or by calling 702-229-ARTS.

COMMISSIONER BEALS announced there was an art and culture mixture at The Doyle on September 19th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., and INTUITION ONLY, a solo exhibition by X.DARVY, was on display at the ThirtyThree Gallery through September 26th.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS said the Cosmic Chicano exhibition by BRIAN MARTINEZ was on view, and she advised regular gallery hours at the Nuwu Art Gallery + Community Center were Thursdays and Fridays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lastly, she invited the Commissioners to see the artist paint live that evening.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN highlighted UNLV's (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) Fine Arts Visiting Artist Lecture Series, noting the artists in conversation included AUDREY BARCIO on October 2nd, DANIELLE SEEWALKER on November 6th, ALEXANDRA MAGNUSON on November 13th, and JOSEPHINE HALVORSON on November 20th. All conversations will be held at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art at 7:00 p.m.

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 stated the next Commission meeting would be held on October 16th. She reminded the Commissioners the first public art tour was scheduled on October 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and all spots were full. Additionally, more details would follow for those who RSVP'd and another tour will take place in spring of next year.

Public Art and Gallery Program Open Call for Artists - MS. SABO said the Centennial Hills Park Environmental Tile Mural call would close on September 25th, the call for muralists for the 2026 Pre-Qualified Muralist would close on October 3rd, and the Lunar New Year Exhibition Year of the Horse call for artists was open through December. She stated further details and applications were available on their website.

3 on Main - MS. LAY noted the installation was completed for the 3 on Main sculpture project, and further information will be shared for an event on November 6th.

3rd Street - East Ogden Avenue to Fremont Street Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO announced DAVID RYAN was selected to create Waiting on a Light on the Corner by Sound Exchange for the 3rd Street public art project. He completed his first project milestone, and a site meeting was held with his fabricator. Project completion was expected by the first quarter of 2026.

Boulder Plaza Sculpture Project - The Seed - MS. SABO said they were working on The Seed with the project team, CR2, who met their second milestone. Staff received an updated and amended contract with a new timeline, and completion was expected by the end of June 2026.

Civic Center Plaza Second Sculpture Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO stated KRYSTAL RAMIREZ met her second project milestone for The Night We Met at the Civic Center Plaza. Construction was underway and the fabricator was pouring breeze block to create the structure. There was a slight delay in production; however, they hoped to have the sculpture installed by end of the month, and electrical work would begin in October. Completion was expected by the end of the third quarter of 2025.

Conservation and Maintenance - MS. SABO reported they conduct routine condition assessments and inventory reports on items in the collection. She noted they were working on larger conservation projects that would be shared soon. The public is encouraged to contact publicart@lasvegasnevada.gov with any concerns related to conservation, maintenance, or graffiti.

Listos y Seguros Sculpture by Justin Favela - MS. LAY stated the project was still being contracted.

Medical District Public Art Project: Rancho Gateway - MS. LAY said they were moving forward with The Healer, and the artist was redlining a contract, which they hoped would be set soon.

Medical District Public Art Project: Pahor Drive - MS. LAY noted Star Child was unveiled that day and had received great turnout from the public.

Medical District Public Art Project: Shadow Lane - MS. LAY advised WAYNE LITTLEJOHN renamed the project Brainstorm to Gene Genie, which was still on track for installation by the end of the year.

Mirabelli Community Center Mural Project - Finding Your Wings - MS. SABO stated they were getting ready to start the mural project with artist MATTHEW MURPHY, who held a workshop on July 30th, and completion was expected by December 1st.

Westside Education & Training Center Mural - MS. SABO noted they were working on wrapping up the mural with artist ADOLFO GONZALEZ. He would resume work on the weekend for the remaining two walls and expected completion was mid-October.

COMMISSIONER PORTNOY questioned the delays with concrete pouring and the JUSTIN FAVELA sculpture. MS. MACHADO responded there was a limited amount of molds, and every mold took five hours to cure; however, they were pouring around the clock to complete the project. Further, MS. LAY informed the Commissioner that they were also working with artist JUSTIN FAVELA to finalize the second portion of the contract, which was sent to MR. FAVELA to redline, and she confirmed there were no changes in the contractual agreement.

7. **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 KLEVEN wondered if the next agenda could include assignments to the Commissioners to assist staff, since that was an item on the Public Art Master Plan. She felt the Commissioners would be willing to step in whenever staff needed them.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS requested information a month in advance for events in their wards so they could show support and congratulate the artists. In addition, she referred to the Percent for the Arts document they previously worked on regarding connecting and telling stories of specific communities, such as Native American, African American and Asian. She provided Native Heritage month as an example, noting many events were happening, and she questioned how the City could support or think of similar ideas for November 2026.

COMMISSIONER PORTNOY wondered if they had a program similar to Arts in the Parks, where community artists brought their talent to city-owned parks and included public involvement. He felt this program would not cost much and would get artists involved with the community.

COMMISSIONER CHI believed a topic of discussion could include commissioners being assigned to attend events.

8. **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.

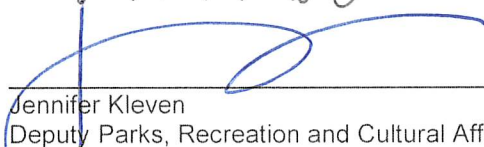
9. **Adjournment**

Minutes:

This meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Yvett Lozoya, Deputy City Clerk

  
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Jennifer Kleven  
Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

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