



Arts Commission Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Minutes:

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

PRESENT: CHAIR BEALS and COMMISSIONERS BEDNARCZYK, ROBERTS (excused until 4:07 p.m.), KLEVEN, DOUGLAS (excused until 4:06 p.m.), DE SANTIS, CHEUK, CHI (via teleconference), PORTNOY, VONBASTIAANS, and GALATI

ALSO PRESENT: LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager; MARY SABO, Senior Visual Arts Specialist; PARKER ARECCHI, Visual Arts Specialist II; ASHLEY ALBERTO, Intern; PAUL MATA, Deputy City Attorney III; and BRIAN CARROLL, Senior Deputy City Clerk

2. Announcement Regarding: Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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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; 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.

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None.

4. For possible action to approve the Final Minutes by reference of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2026

Motion made by Jennifer Kleven to Approve

Passed For: 9; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

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

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

Minutes:

CHAIR BEALS reviewed the list of exhibitions and cultural events taking place throughout the city, which included: the opening reception of the annual Lunar New Year Exhibition: Year of the Horse on February 19th, the unveiling of Gene Genie by WAYNE LITTLEJOHN on February 20th, the closing reception of A Visual Mixtape by DON MICHAEL, JR. on March 4th, and the opening reception of Rhythm and Resilience: Black Vegas on March 12th curated by CARMEN BEALS and narrated by CLAYTEE WHITE. 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.

COMMISSIONER KLEVEN announced an opening exhibition, *El Camino Se Traza Al Andar* (The Path is Traced by Walking), at the Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art on February 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 PARKER ARECCHI, Visual Arts Specialist II, shared in narrating a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was submitted for the record, regarding current projects and initiatives. MS. ARECCHI noted the Commissioners received the staff report with updates for Percent for the Arts projects, a copy of which was submitted for the record.

MS. SABO introduced ASHLEY ALBERTO, an Art History Major at UNLV (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) who was interning with them until May.

Arts Commission Meeting Schedule - MS. ARECCHI listed the upcoming Arts Commission meeting dates from the PowerPoint presentation.

3rd Street - East Ogden Avenue to Fremont Street Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO thanked the Commissioners who attended the February 2nd unveiling of DAVID RYAN'S sculpture project, *Waiting on a Light on the Corner* by Sound Exchange, which she opined was a success. She confirmed the project passed all inspections. She expressed excitement for the new addition to the Public Art Collection, which was completed on time and within budget.

AMP - Gateway and Arts Districts Public Art Project - MS. ARECCHI noted the project was moving along well and they were in the contracting phase. She hoped to set the painting schedule soon.

AMP Ward 4 - Cheyenne Avenue Public Art Project - MS. ARECCHI stated the project was moving along and they were working with the selected artists on redesigns.

Centennial Hills Park Environmental Tile Mural Project - MS. ARECCHI said the project was on schedule and they working with the evaluation panel and artist to contract through the next phase.

Civic Plaza Public Art Project - MS. MACHADO noted Cliff Garten Studio reached its fourth project milestone, advising that the fabricator was installing steel rods on the exterior of the sculpture. The sculpture will be 30 feet tall, and fabrication completion was expected for the beginning of April. The piece will be installed in the center of Civic Plaza on April 26th, and the dedication event will be an evening illumination, which will be held on May 7th.

Conservation and Maintenance - MS. SABO reported they conduct routine condition assessments and inventory reports for items in the Public Art Collection. She stated they were working with a conservation and maintenance vendor for collection maintenance and graffiti abatement, who was also taking care of the AMP utility cabinets in the Arts District.

Heers Park Tile Mural Project - MS. SABO said the request for proposals (RFP) was directly issued to a selected artist. Project stakeholders approved the design and they were working on contracting.

Hualapai Canyon Trailhead Environmental Public Art Project - MS. ARECCHI noted the project was moving along, and the evaluation panel members were reviewing requested information from the RFP artists.

Las Tres Flores Sculpture by Justin Favela - MS. SABO stated they were working with JUSTIN FAVELA, artist, for a permanent sculpture in East Las Vegas. They were finalizing the second part of the contract with MR. FAVELA.

Medical District Public Art Project: Rancho Gateway - MS. SABO said the artist for The Healer was collecting three bids to finalize the contract.

Medical District Public Art Project: Shadow Lane - MS. SABO reported Gene Genie was installed on Shadow Lane and the dedication ceremony was scheduled for the following day at 10:00 a.m.

CHAIR BEALS thanked staff for continuing to do a wonderful job.

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 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.

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COMMISSIONER KLEVEN wanted to ensure Commissioners suggested presentations or reports they wanted to talk about at future meetings.

COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS wanted to discuss the possibility of parking grants for artists within the Arts District, hoping the Commission could provide assistance, such as through an annual pass.

COMMISSIONER CHEUK understood the Commission administered and oversaw funding for public art, and she wanted a clarifying definition of public art. She questioned if that included other events, such as poetry and literary performances, and she wondered how they could maximize use of the funding. LAURA MACHADO, Public and Visual Arts Section Manager, asked if that would involve a report to discuss the funding source within Municipal Code regarding Percent for the Arts funding. The Commissioner reiterated that she wanted the specific definition that surrounded public art, since she felt it was broad and up for interpretation.

CHAIR BEALS wanted to identify festivals and speak with the festivals team about upcoming programming and how they work with artists.

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**

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This meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Brian Carroll, Senior Deputy City Clerk



Jennifer Klaven
Deputy Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director

Minutes Prepared by:
Yvett Lozoya, Deputy City Clerk

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