



**RENO ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION'S  
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**MEMBERS**

Nettie Oliverio, Chair  
Eric Brooks  
Mahsan Ghazianzad  
Ahren Hertel  
Matthew McIver  
Carola Nan Roach  
Barbara Santner  
Tamara Scronce  
Vacant  
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**DATE: MONDAY, May 21, 2018**  
**TIME: 11:00 AM**  
**PLACE: MCKINLEY ARTS AND CULTURE CENTER**  
**925 RIVERSIDE DRIVE**  
**RENO, NV 89503**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by Nettie Oliverio.  
**Roll Call** – Present: Nettie Oliverio, Mahsan Ghazianzad, Matthew McIver, Carola Nan Roach, Tamara Scronce, Eric Brooks, Absent: Ahren Hertl, Barbara Santer. Also present: Megan Berner, Public Art Program Coordinator. Rotary Club members, Debe Fennell, Marlene Olsen, Corry Castaneda. Sharon Honig-Bear, Arts & Culture Commission Chair.
2. **Public Comment** – Megan Berner comments that previously recommended member Hayley Kovac has declined the seat due to work conflict. Three vacancies are available and there is the possibility of meeting applicants at the next PAC meeting. Oliverio comments that Rebekah Bogard is back in town and interested in applying.
3. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes** – Carola Nan Roach moves to approve the April 16<sup>th</sup> 2018 Public Art Committee Minutes, seconded by Erik Brooks. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Agenda** – Sharon Honig-bear moves to approve the agenda for May 21, 2018, seconded by Carol Nan Roach. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.
5. **Financial Report And Budget Updates a. Review and possible acceptance of the FY2017/18 Public Art Budget Report**
  - Berner has little updates other than the encumbered amounts of the Showmobile got painted as well as two signal boxes.
  - Nan Roach wishes to go back and discuss encumbrances concerning Burning Man sponsorship for Playa Art Project this year and that they should contribute if the PAC is contributing every year.
  - Berner states that the money for this year has already been spent and the sponsorship will not come up again until fiscal year 2018/19.

Eric Brooks moves to approve. Matthew McIver seconds. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.

6. **Discussion and possible acceptance of additional voting members from downtown Rotary to select artwork for the 2018 – 2020 installation of sculpture in Bicentennial Park from the following members in alphabetical order:** Corry Castaneda, Debe Fennell, and Marlene Olsen.

Berner states that this is to formally accept the Rotary Club members so they can vote. Eric Brooks thanks the Rotary Club for attending the meeting and their continuing support. Tamara Scronce moves to approve the temporary appointment of the Rotary Club members. Eric Brooks seconds. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.

**7. Discussion, review and possible recommendations of new round of sculptures for Bicentennial Park installation for 2018 – 2020 (with additional voting members from downtown Rotary: Corry Castaneda, Debe Fennell, Marlene Olsen) from the following list of artists who submitted to the call for work, in alphabetical order: Mike Burke, Scott Froschauer, Eileen Gay, Carolyn Guerra, Jennifer Kapnek, Grant Miller, and Jeff Schomberg.**

- Berner distributes voting sheets
- Berner clarifies that there are six total spaces, with four pedestal type spaces, and two flat spaces.
- Nan Roach states that two of the artists have resubmitted their work in the park from the previous round and whether or not they stay will be discussed further.
- Marlene Olsen asks the question who will be paying for the removal of the art sculpture?
- Berner states that there is a budget set aside for the removal of the pieces and there will be help for the artist in removing the pieces, though it is limited.
- Debe Fennell brings up issues surrounding the sculpture with the public; homelessness, graffiti and the constant removal of trash/cigarette butts. An attempt to plant bulbs was made.
- Berner brings up the City Manager is interested in purchasing art pieces for the park in the future which would change the rotating sculpture pieces to permanent pieces on display.
- Berner brings up the first recommendation for Bicentennial Park, Mike Burke. Umbrella sculpture, large piece, a sticking point is that the work is slightly larger than the intended space in the park. Second proposal is a metal sculpture based on the state of Nevada.
- Scott Froschauer, L.A. based artist who did a series of metal signs. Not technically sculpture but more like individually worded road signs. Berner also brings up the fact that they are not well secured and have been vandalized/stolen in the playa art park.
- Eileen Gay, wants to keep current sculpture in Bicentennial Park for another two years.
- Carolyn Guerra, wants to keep ‘Rhino Man’ in Bicentennial Park for another two years while looking to possibly donate piece to the city. Second proposal ‘Urban Flight’ humanoid blue glass on concrete. Concerns with weathering, graffiti, stability.
- Jennifer Kapnek, wood sculpture, painted. Primarily a painter, there are concerns with having a wooden sculpture outdoors, graffiti issues, stability issues.
- Grant Miller, two proposed pieces. “Homage to Matisse’ and another smaller piece that would sit atop a pedestal. Plans to use a different metal than used in his proposal.
- Jeff Schomberg, ‘Tangled Words’ steel tubing with words along the side. Three dimensional sculpture small enough for a pedestal. Only issue is that the public will use it as a jungle gym if not placed high up.

**8. Discussion and possible approval of additional stipends for current artists displaying work in Bicentennial Park in the amount of \$500 each, not to exceed \$3,000 total to the following artists in alphabetical order: Eileen Gay, Carolyn Guerra, Grant Miller, Brett Moten, Colin O’ Bryan, Jeff Schomberg**

Brooks motion to approve, Nan Roach seconds. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.

**9. Discussion and review of the City of Reno Municipal Code 2.20 – Code of Ethics for Public Officials.**

Berner states that it has recently been brought to the attention of the committee that they need to be in compliance with code, that there is a conflict of interests. Anyone (artists) serving on the Board cannot benefit financially from the City.

**10. Discussion and possible approval of a bid for work on the Valley Wood bench from Anchor Concrete, not to exceed \$5,717**

Oliverio abstains as she has personal connections to Anchor Concrete.

Berner states that Anchor Concrete had the lowest bid out of all the businesses considered. Adds that alternative ideas include painting or staining concrete. Councilwoman Jardon has agreed to add money to the project.

Eric Brooks moves to move forward with stipulations. Tamara Scronce seconds. All in favor: 5 approve, 1 abstain, 2 absent.

**11. Discussion and possible approval of signage for the City of Reno Public Art Collection**

- Berner has created a mock-up of what the signs will look like, looking for feedback before moving forward.
- Brooks approves of hashtag but suggests that they are capitalized.
- Scronce recommends changing artist name and title to the same font size.

Tamara Scronce moves to approve with recommended changes. Eric Brooks seconds. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.

**12. Update on Reno Flag Project, Creatures of Nevada, Kinetic Banners, Signal Boxes.**

Berner states that the Reno Flag Project has a chosen piece, unveiled on the City of Reno's birthday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. City Hall will be flying the new flag on top of the parking garage.

- The Creatures of Nevada may have funding, will keep committee informed.
- Kinetic Banners was taken to the Riverwalk Merchants Association for funding. July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 there will be a fundraiser party at the Eddy.
- Two signal boxes have been completed: Traci Turner and Kendal Lelsie

**13. Announcements not anticipated at notice date**

- Honig-bear encourages people to vote for nominations for the Rotary Club.
- Marlene Olsen states they are hoping to have the sculptures installed by July 30<sup>th</sup> and on the same date invites the Public Art Committee members to join them for a meeting at the McKinley Arts & Culture center for lunch and a tour of the Bicentennial Park.
- Debe Fennell adds that greetings cards of the park have been made and are available to help with fund raising.
- Berner gives an update on the Dog Park mural.

**14. Set date, time and agenda for the next meeting.**

June 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00am McKinley Arts & Culture Center.

- Eric Brooks will be out of town.
- Tamara Scronce will be out of town.

**15. General Public Comment** – This item is for either any General Public Comment of any Action Item Comment and is limited to no more than three (3) minutes per person.

Debe Fennell reached out to Colin O'Brien for a sketch for a wall to be placed along river near Bicentennial Park.

**16. Adjournment**

Eric Brooks motions to adjourn. Carola Nan Roach seconds. All in favor: 6 approve, 0 abstain, 2 absent.