



**Reno Arts & Culture Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 10, 2019

Time: 5:00 p.m.

**Place: McKinley Arts & Culture Center Boardroom
925 Riverside Dr., Reno, NV 89503**

Commission Members
Sharon Honig-Bear, Chair
Geralda Miller, Vice Chair
Dave Aiazzi
Bryce Chisholm
Mario DelaRosa
Doug Erwin
Erik Fong
Dana Hatjakes
Nettie Oliverio
Shaughn Richardson
Vacant
Naomi Duerr, City Council Liaison

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by: Sharon Honig-Bear at 5:00 pm.

Present: Sharon Honig-Bear, Chair; Geralda Miller, Vice Chair; Bryce Chisholm, Mario DelaRosa, Erik Fong, Dana Hatjakes, Nettie Oliverio, Shaughn Richardson.

Absent: Dave Aiazzi, Doug Erwin.

Also Present: Alexis Hill, Arts, Culture & Special Events Manager, David Pritchett, Parks & Rec Liaison.

2. Public Comment

Sharon Honig-Bear announces that this will be Nettie Oliverio's last meeting on the Reno Arts & Culture Commission.

Adrian Landon is visiting tonight as the creator of the Burning Man sculpture, 'Wings of Glory'.

3. Approval of Minutes

August 13th, 2019

August 19th, 2019.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve both dates, seconded by Nettie Oliverio. All in favor, motion passes.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Dana Hatjakes makes a motion to approve, seconded by Geralda Miller. All in favor, motion passes.

5. City Council Liaison Report.

Absent.

6. Financial Report Budget Update.

a. **Review and possible acceptance of the FY2019/20 Commission Budget Report.**

b. **Review and possible acceptance of the FY2019/20 Public Art Budget.**

Hill summarizes.

The Space Whale artist has not yet given an invoice.

Other than the Light Festival (which has already been discussed) there are no other changes.

Nettie Oliverio makes a motion to approve, seconded by Bryce Chisholm. All in favor, motion passes.

7. Discussion and possible approval of Community Engagement Consultant for the NEA Our Town Lincoln Highway Project in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Honig-Bear states that there was a technicality and Forecast has already been chosen.

Nettie Oliverio makes a motion to approve Forecast for the NEA Out Town Lincoln Highway Project in an amount not to exceed \$20,000, seconded by Geralda Miller.

8. Project/ Special Reports Update.

a. Public Art Committee Update

i. Discussion and possible approval of letter to City Council regarding the Space Whale and future recommendation for City Plaza art.

Pritchett suggests adding a reminder to the Council that the Parks operation budget does not have the funds to maintain art pieces either.

Honig-Bear replies that there has been recent discussion on a master plan for the City Plaza; any plan will be done in conjunction with Parks department.

Pritchett states that this can be on the Parks Commission agenda for November.

Hill states there is an update: the Space Whale artist will meet with the Mayor Wednesday of next week. Details will be forthcoming.

Honig-Bear states they can make an addition to the letter stating they are working with the artist, and stress the importance of refreshing the art.

Nettie Oliverio makes a motion to approve with the amended changes to be sent to the Council at the appropriate time, seconded by Shaughn Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.

Adrian Landon is present to discuss his work 'Wings of Glory' as a possible replacement/addition to the Plaza.

Geralda Miller summarizes 'Wings of Glory'. The piece is large-scale, interactive, shoots fire and has the potential to be another iconic Reno piece.

Landon states that the piece will require electricity, and propane if the fire component will be used. A certified specialist would be required to use the fire, so it could be for special occasions only.

The piece is 35 feet in height and has a 35-foot base. The piece does light up at night.

Little maintenance will be required; some parts will have to be oiled every six months and Landon intends to move to the Reno area so he can be available for any issues.

Wings of Glory will have to be shut down in extreme temperatures in the winter.

The wings are far enough off the ground to keep people from trying to climb them.

It can be programmed to stop functioning after a certain time period, like after 9:00 pm.

b. Community Engagement Committee Update.

i. Discussion and possible approval of the recommendation for Debbi Engebritson to fill a vacant position on the Community Engagement Committee.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve, seconded by Nettie Oliverio. All in favor, motion passes.

Chisholm suggests considering Engebritson for one the openings on the other Committees.

c. Plan 2020 Ad Hoc Committee Update.

i. Approval of recommended changes to Fiscal Year 20/21 Grants Cycle.

Honig-Bear summarizes the changes to the process.

Hatjakes expresses some concern about the travel and stipend budget; is there a reason that they would have to come to Reno?

Hill replies there is the possibility of doing it by phone, but it feels very disconnected.

Honig-Bear adds that by having this in the budget it gives the option of reaching out to other communities (Las Vegas, Truckee, Virginia City, etc.)

Oliverio states that she envisioned all the commissioners reading every proposal.

Honig-Bear states they are trying to level the playing field so personal attitudes and prejudices don't interfere with the process.

There are things that they did not get to discuss; this will be an ongoing process.

5.1 is an example of addressing something called the 'entitlement programs'.

The idea is for programs like Sierra Arts to apply like everyone else.

Hatjakes states that it seems fair as long as they have fair warning that this will be the new process.

Hill states after the meeting she will be sending out emails.

Honig-Bear summarizes 5.2. There could be a reduction in funds given to Artown and the Pioneer Theater so the RACC can distribute those funds to other projects.

It will be an increment of 10% for five years so after five years there will be half of the funding.

Richardson recommends re-wording the idea, as it is unclear.

Honig-Bear clarifies that they aren't just taking the funds; they are going towards new programs that need additional funding. An example being Art Belongs Here.

They could just keep it at 10% and then re-evaluate after one year.

Hatjakes states it is important to think about their relationships to these organizations and have an understanding that the RACC isn't just taking money away for no reason.

Being self-sufficient is important.

Miller suggests wording it differently such as 'for a total of 50% over five years' and add 'incremental'.

Honig-Bear moves onto point 6 of the Grant Proposals for FY2020/21.

Hill states an Opportunity Fund was created for \$10,000.

There was discussion in the Plan 2020 Committee to take out point 6 and state applicants would have to apply for a grant.

The discussion now is is it all right for people to go outside of the grants process or should all applicants apply for a grant?

Oliverio states stepping outside the grant process would be for things like the Nevada Museum of Art Burning Man exhibition. There could be exceptions.

Hatjakes agrees stating there are some opportunities that will be time sensitive.

Hill states the issue is that they don't have a policy set in place for things like this.

Some general rules would be it is for a non-profit that provides services in Reno, an event that benefits the general population, and a same or similar event has not received financial support.

This could be the policy which then could be put on the website.

Miller states that in the future any applicant must have a budget; they can't just ask for the \$10,000. They need to state where the money is going and how it's being spent. There should be a follow-up to show how the money was spent.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve Plan 2020 with point 6 stated as an Opportunity Fund, adding 5.3 as a required reporting document with a budget, and adding a 10% over five years reviewed incrementally in point 5, seconded by Nettie Oliverio.

All in favor: 5, Bryce Chisholm opposes, Nettie Oliverio abstains.

Point 1.7 will be tabled for a future discussion.

9. Update and discussion on Light Festival 2019.

Hill summarizes. The Architects of Air portion of the Light Festival has been canceled.

The Public Art Committee is looking at proposals for art pieces so there is still a draw for the public to come downtown. There have been 13 submissions.

Many of the art pieces are already made.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to allow the Public Art Committee to decide on replacing the Light Festival Architects of Air with up to \$70,000 in art with the emphasis being on replacing the art that was going to be on the lid, seconded by Nettie Oliverio. All in favor, motion passes.

10. Discussion and possible nominations for Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission.

Sharon Honig-Bear nominates Geralda Miller for the position of Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission, seconded by Dana Hatjakes. All in favor, motion passes.

11. Discussion on possible nominations for Vice Chair of the Arts & Culture Commission.

Nettie Oliverio makes a motion to nominate Eric Fong, seconded by Bryce Chisholm. All in favor, motion passes.

12. Updates on ongoing projects.

Hill summarizes.

a. Bicentennial Park

The strength testing has been having issues so there will be no install until Megan Berner returns.

b. Art Belongs Here

The Wedekind Road mural has begun.

Custom Ink is almost done with the Booth mural.

Mike Burke has installed bike racks on Sierra Street.

The Fire Station 9 mural is in progress.

c. Lincoln Highway NEA Our Town Grant

The consultant goes to Council tomorrow

d. Signal Boxes

The artist whose signal box was destroyed has a new signal box on Plumb and Kietzke.

13. Announcements not anticipated at notice date.

Sharon Honig-Bear states she will not be able to make it to the Council meeting tomorrow.

Mario DelaRosa announces September 22nd Fiesta on Wells will be taking place.

Geralda Miller states the Mural Expo will be taking place in Elko on September 26th through the 29th.

David Pritchett states the issue of City Plaza can be put on the November 19th meeting but it could be sooner, possibly on October 15th.

Alexis Hill volunteers to attend as a staff liaison.

Geralda Miller volunteers to attend as well.

Sharon Honig-Bear states that if the meeting is in November she can attend as well.

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

October 8th, 2019.

(Dana Hatjakes leaves at 6:48 pm)

15. General Public Comment.

Big thanks to Nettie Oliverio for all her hard work over the years.

16. Adjournment.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve, seconded by Nettie Oliverio. All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

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