



**Reno Arts & Culture Commission's
Public Art Committee Minutes
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 13, 2020

Time: 11:00 a.m.

**Place: McKinley Arts and Culture Boardroom
925 Riverside Drive, Reno, NV 89503**

Committee Members
Bryce Chisholm, Chair
Cynthia Albright
Erik Fong
Ahren Hertel
Matthew McIver
Geralda Miller
Paul Quade
Tamara Sconce
Vacant
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Called to order by Bryce Chisholm at 11:02 am.

Present: Bryce Chisholm, Chair; Cynthia Albright, Erik Fong, Ahren Hertel, Geralda Miller.

Absent: Matthew McIver, Paul Quade, Tamara Sconce.

Also present: Alexis Hill, Arts, Culture & Special Events Manager; Megan Berner, Public Art Program Coordinator.

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items or Other Matters.

None.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2019.

Erik Fong makes a motion to approve, seconded by Geralda Miller. All in favor, motion passes.

4. Approval of the Agenda - January 13, 2020.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve, seconded by Cynthia Albright. All in favor, motion passes.

5. Financial Report and Budget Update.

a. Review and possible acceptance of the FY2019/20 Public Art Budget Report.

The signal boxes have been approved with the amendment to the amount of \$10,500.

There is \$2,500 left for the Bicentennial Sculpture Garden install.

There is \$30,000 in the Opportunity Fund and \$7,000 unallocated funds.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to approve, seconded by Cynthia Albright. All in favor, motion passes.

6. Discussion and possible call for artists for a mural on the Keystone Bridge by McKinley Arts & Culture Center.

There is a parking area under the bridge that can be utilized with an artistic lighting project.

\$50,000 is the estimation for the project.

Albright suggests incorporating the support pylons under the bridge with a mural.

Berner states she could look at other calls that are similar and bring it to the next meeting and bring a draft call for artists.

7. Discussion and possible approval of the purchase of artwork from City Artist Tom Drakulich for the Metro Art Collection in an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

This is part of the City Artist program.

An additional potential \$2,000 was approved to purchase artwork for the City collection.

Wall hanging pieces would be preferred as they are easier to hang.

Hertel states the ceramic pieces are what Drakulich are known for; it would be better to purchase one of the ceramic pieces.

Miller adds if the artist can create a system to affix the ceramic pieces so moving them would be easier, then her vote is for the ceramic pieces.

‘Dividers and Uniter 1-6’ is recommended.

Geralda Miller makes a motion to recommend the purchase of ‘Dividers and Uniter 1-6’ for \$1,200 and use the leftover money to commission the artist to affix the pieces to a backdrop, ask the artist how much the commission would cost and leave up to \$2,000 for the backdrop, seconded by Cynthia Albright. All in favor, motion passes.

8. Discussion on Charter and Conflict of Interest.

In the past the Conflict of Interest portion of the Charter has been unclear; the document is to be signed after being read.

Berner states the wording has been changed slightly for the Committee.

This will help newcomers understand what their role is.

9. Discussion on recruitment of Public Art Committee members

There are currently three vacancies.

Linda Miller is visiting the Public Art Committee as a potential applicant.

Miller states they should keep in mind the DEI goal.

Albright suggests a wider age group, specifically some younger people into the Committee.

10. Update on ongoing projects.

- a. **4th Street Public Art Project** – The second community engagement meeting will happen January 16 – 18th. There will be a group lunch and historic talk this time around. Previously the Forecast group mentioned that while it was great that art community showed up, they are more interested in the feedback and interest of people who are not so closely tied to the arts community.
- b. **National Bowling Stadium Public Art** – Paul Vexler is the chosen artist. Installation will begin on February 18th. The large-scale ribbon pieces are aluminum that will hang from the ceiling. There will be three pieces that will be colored. There can be a separate reception for the artwork as the bowling stadium grand opening is happening soon.
- c. **East Truckee River Public Art**- There is a pilot project for the Truckee River that is still in need of funding and will be located close to Brodhead Park area. There is a group effort to make the area better that will include new fitness equipment, a bathroom and new lighting.

The idea is to put a mural in the area and possibly artistic lighting. There is the possibility of an NEA grant.

There also the possibility of a group visit to the area.

Albright suggests applying for signage.

11. Announcements not anticipated at notice date.

Ahren Hertel announces he has a show in Fallon, February 1st.

Megan Berner announces the City Artist curated show is now open, with a reception on March 5th, at the Metro Gallery.

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

February 10th.

13. General Public Comment.

Ballet Folklorico is a non-profit local group that teaches traditional Mexican dance to local children. Interested in applying for grants and getting involved.

14. Adjournment.

Cynthia Albright makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ahren Hertel. All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting adjourns at 12:20 pm.

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