



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

Date: January 14, 2020

Time: 5:00 p.m.

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

Commission Members
Geralda Miller, Chair
Erik Fong, Vice Chair
Bryce Chisholm
Doug Erwin
Lisa Genasci
Dana Hatjakes
Sharon Honig-Bear
Shaughn Richardson
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Naomi Duerr, City Council Liaison

AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order by: Geralda Miller, Chair at 5:00 pm.

Present: Geralda Miller, Chair; Erik Fong, Vice Chair; Bryce Chisholm, Lisa Genasci, Dana Hatjakes, Sharon Honig-Bear, Shaughn Richardson.

Absent: Doug Erwin.

Also Present: Alexis Hill, Arts, Culture & Special Events Manager; Megan Berner, Public Art Program Coordinator; David Pritchett, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Liaison.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2019.

Honig-Bear makes corrections to the minutes – ‘Debbi Engebritson’ is misspelled.

Dana Hatjakes makes a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Genasci. All in favor, motion passes.

4. Approval of the Agenda – January 14, 2020.

Sharon Honig-Bear makes a motion to approve, seconded by Bryce Chisholm.

5. City Council Liaison Report.

Absent.

6. Financial Report and Budget Update.

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

Berner summarizes.

Some funding has been taken out of Galleries.

The CEC budget has funding taken out for the Light Festival social media.

Funding has been taken out for the NEA grant workshop.

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

\$10,500 has been allocated for the Signal Box program.

\$40,000 has been encumbered for the Bicentennial Sculpture Park.

Sharon Honig-Bear makes a motion to approve both budgets, seconded by Shaughn Richardson. All in favor, motion passes.

7. Project/ Special Reports Update.

a. Public Art Committee Update.

- i. Discussion and possible approval of a call for artists for sculptural artwork in Bicentennial Park in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Chisholm summarizes.

A call will go out for the remaining spots for sculpture in Bicentennial Park.

Twenty signal boxes have been approved for 2020.

There was a discussion for a possible mural on the Keystone Bridge as a new project estimated around \$50,000. New lighting may be included in the project.

Purchasing artwork/sculpture from Tom Drakulich for the City art collection was discussed.

The Public Art Committee has open vacancies.

Berner states that the final selection for the Bicentennial sculpture will happen around April.

The One Truckee River Pilot Project is still moving forward with the possibility of a mural or lighting/florescent path lighting at Brodhead Park.

There will be a Staff visit to the park, then a Public Art Committee visit.

Dana Hatjakes makes a motion to approve the call for Bicentennial Park, seconded by Sharon Honig-Bear. All in favor, motion passes.

- ii. Discussion and possible approval of a call for artists for Art Signals 2020 Round of painted signal boxes in an amount not to exceed \$10,500

Sharon Honig-Bear makes a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Genasci. All in favor, motion passes.

b. Community Engagement Committee Update.

- i. Video for Commission accomplishments/presentation to Council.

Hatjakes summarizes.

There is no January meeting, however a call was sent out and Eighty8 Studios was chosen.

There will be a meeting this Friday and Eighty8 Studios hopes to be done in February.

There are three vacancies in the CEC.

8. Discussion and possible approval of appointment of Commissioners to the Community Engagement Committee of the RACC.

Sharon Honig-Bear makes a motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Genasci, seconded by Dana Hatjakes. All in favor, motion passes.

9. Discussion of RMC 22: Art in Public Places, proposed revisions and additions to be presented to City Council.

- a. Sample budget for proposed new funding structure related to RMC 22 and room tax.

Geralda Miller and Erik Fong met with Councilmember-At-Large Devon Reese. Councilmember-At-Large Reese suggested reading Dave Aiazzi's proposal and using those suggestions as a platform.

Aiazzi's proposal stated the RACC should have 25% of Room Tax, Parks & Rec should have 50% and the City can have the other 25%.

Aiazzi also suggested taking Title 22 out completely.

Hill summarizes the findings.

Park Recreation Capitol Projects is residential construction tax and something that can be used – it was used for the Virginia Lake project.

Recently \$15,000 was received for Pat Baker Park; there will be a call that will come up at a future meeting.

Berner adds that something to remember is that the Park Recreation Capitol Projects must be used within that specific park that it is collected for.

The total received for the last fiscal year was \$125,000.

Hill states they would like to make Title 22 shorter and easier to follow.

Berner states they are actually getting more than the 2% CIP gives.

Hill states one issue is that they are advocating for Room Tax when there may be limited or none in the future.

Honig-Bear states she strongly feels as though they should not eliminate Title 22. It is important for the City to state they have a relationship with public art.

Miller states Councilmember-Art-Large Reese asked that they find a designated funding resource. In order to do this they need to have an understanding of Room Tax and CIP.

Richardson states he isn't sure that this is the best way to petition the Council.

Miller states something else to consider is where the Public Art maintenance fund is. In Title 22 there is a part that states every three years an art conservator should be hired.

Hatjakes suggests looking at similar cities to see how they structure their Room Tax and how they get funding for art.

Hatjakes states as disclosure she would like the RACC to know that her husband was recently elected as Chair for Artown. It will not interfere with her duties to the RACC.

Richardson states one point to consider is how large the city is getting and yet the budget has not grown.

(Shaughn Richardson leaves at 6:20 pm)

Hill states she can find out if there are unallocated funds and bring the RACC budget from the last ten years.

Miller states if they are going to attend the budget meetings they will need an idea for the budget.

Figuring out how to get an art conservator to the city and maintain the art collection is another topic for the future.

Miller states another consideration is going after businesses, getting sponsorships and resources outside the City.

10. Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Liaison update.

Absent.

11. Updates on ongoing projects.

- a. Lincoln Highway NEA Our Town Grant
 - i. January 16 – 18, 2020

The meeting with Forecast has been moved to 4:00 pm on Thursday and the public engagement meeting will be at the Depot at 6:00 pm.

- b. City Artist

The work was installed yesterday. The reception will be March 5th.

Berner states the Bowling Stadium installation will begin February 18th.

Space Whale is still in negotiation.

Miller states she would like the Space Whale to be on the agenda.

Hill adds that it will be on the agenda as the City Plaza Public Art Plan.

12. Announcements not anticipated at notice date.

None.

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

February 11th 2020.

14. General Public Comment

None.

15. Adjournment.

Bryce Chisholm makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dana Hatjakes. All in favor, motion passes.

Meeting ends at 6:55 pm.

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