

## CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 18, 2013

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3G

**APPLICANT:** Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

**REQUEST:** **For Possible Action:** To schedule a tour of the City of Reno's public art for Cultural Commission members.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** Over the years, the City of Reno has been very successful in building community support for its public art program, including the development of a Public Arts Master Plan (2002) and a Cultural Master Plan (2012). The Parks and Recreation Department staff believes their experience could assist City staff and the Commission's future efforts to do the same in Carson City. As a result, City staff would like to schedule a tour to view the City of Reno's public art and discuss the above issues with City of Reno staff. At the Arts @ the Heart Convening on April 22 and 23, 2013, in Reno, Nevada, Christine Fey, City of Reno, Resource Development and Cultural Affairs Manager indicated her willingness to assist Carson City staff with arranging a tour to view some of Reno's public art and provide the Commission with some background information on how the City of Reno developed their Public Arts and Cultural Master Plans.

City staff is wondering if the Commission would be interested in this type of a fact-finding tour. Since the proposed tour could take 4 to 6 hours (including travel time), City staff is potentially looking at a weekend tour unless Commission members can arrange to take off work during the week, maybe some Friday afternoon or another weekday?

Parks and Recreation Department staff is willing to commit to planning this tour with the City of Reno staff, but only if a quorum of the Commission would be willing to commit to attending and participating in the tour. Another option is to ask Ms. Fey to attend a future Commission meeting and discuss the above topics.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** I move to request that staff schedule a tour of the City of Reno's public art for Cultural Commission members.