

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Cultural Commission Culture and Arts Master Plan Subcommittee
Wednesday, July 1, 2015 • 9:00 AM
Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Subcommittee Members

Member – Danielle Cook
Member – Terri McBride

Member – Barbara D’Anneo

Staff

Roger Moellendorf, Parks and Recreation Department Director
Cheryl Eggert, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary
Minutes by: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

(9:03:24) – Member McBride called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(9:04:05) – Member McBride called roll and determined quorum.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Danielle Cook	Absent	
Barbara D’Anneo	Present	
Terri McBride	Present	

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(9:04:21) – None.

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(9:04:35) – There were no minutes for approval as this was the first meeting of the Subcommittee.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

(9:04:48) – None.

3. MEETING ITEMS:

A. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO DEVELOP A CARSON CITY ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN.

(9:05:20) – Member McBride introduced the item.

(9:05:24) – Mr. Moellendorf gave background and presented the Staff Report. He also reviewed the subcommittee's meeting schedule, which would take place on Wednesdays, every two weeks, at 9 a.m. in the Community Center, Sierra Room. The meeting dates would be as follows: July 1, July 15, July 25, August 12, and August 26, 2015.

(9:08:11) – Member McBride proposed combining all the Cultural Commission member comments received to date and inserting them in appropriate headings, with narratives written by the Subcommittee members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(9:10:47) – Carson City Supervisor Karen Abowd suggested the marking of all accomplishments. Member McBride explained that each member would review two headings and their contents, and insert them in the master document.

(9:13:00) – Members D'Anneo and McBride began to consolidate the comments in each section. Discussion ensued regarding the selection of a lead agency and where it should be housed. The Brewery Arts Performing Arts venues, the Silver State School Theatre, the Bob Boldrick Theatre, the Children's Museum Theatre, and the new stage to be constructed on Third Street were all considered as potential venues. It was agreed that a capacity count would be a next step. The use of other venues such as Fuji Park, the Governor's Mansion, and other State properties were also discussed. Member McBride wished to include the local restaurant music venues and performances as well. She believed that calendar consolidation and publicity would be important to the success of performing arts. Supervisor Abowd encouraged all agencies to post on the Visitors Bureau calendar. Mr. Moellendorf suggested a Cultural Commission Facebook page.

(9:39:52) – Kelly DuFresne, representing the Nevada Arts Council, introduced herself and believed that the Brewery Arts Center had been designated as the local arts agency for Carson City.

(9:40:27) – The Subcommittee began discussing the Visual Arts heading, and noted that the Courthouse Gallery was a recognized venue for educational exhibits and as a curated and juried art gallery, providing juried shows by recognized artists to the community. Member McBride wished to add the upcoming Stewart Cultural Center to the list of high-quality exhibit venues. Other galleries mentioned were at Western Nevada College, the Chamber of Commerce, and other traveling exhibits. Elinor Bugli suggested using other local venues such as A to Zen. Supervisor Abowd advised using the Community Center Lobby as another exhibit area, and Mr. Moellendorf reminded the members that the freeway art should also be considered under the Visual Arts heading.

(9:49:31) – Discussion ensued regarding public arts spaces such as the Carson City Library, the Courthouse Gallery, the Legislative Building, and the Community Center Lobby and the Sierra Room.

(9:58:25) – Under the “Funding to Support Arts” header, it was suggested to have a dedicated Staff member, and Supervisor Abowd explained that the City may have an open position to manage the grant efforts for the entire City. Discussion ensued regarding the understaffed Brewery Arts Center and the importance of grants. Leadership, training, and findings were also discussed. Ms. Bugli commented on the Community Center's availability as many events are scheduled there, especially in the summer. She also gave background on the formation of the Capital City Arts Coalition and its advisory role to the arts community. Several agencies were listed as grant sources, including the utilization of workshops and training opportunities. Discussion about Cultural diversity and outreach to ethnic communities resulted in identifying certain organizations and individuals that could be of assistance.

(10:44:08) – Economic Development and Urban Design were discussed along with the opportunities of exploring visual arts and events in all corridors including the Downtown Project. The advantages of a historic Capital City and the possibilities of attracting visitors and locals were also discussed. Supervisor Abowd suggested working very closely with the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(11:20:22) – Incorporate the remaining comments into the document.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(11:21:50) – None.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(11:21:53) – Member McBride adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

The Minutes of the July 1, 2015 Carson City Cultural Commission special subcommittee meeting are so approved this 12th day of August, 2015.

TERRI MCBRIDE, Acting Chair