

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Cultural Commission Subcommittee
Wednesday, July 29, 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

Vern Krahn, Park Planner
Cheryl Eggert, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary
Minutes by: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

(9:02:30) – Member McBride called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(9:02:48) – Member McBride called roll and determined quorum.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. MEETING ITEMS:

A. DISCUSSION ONLY ON THE BREWERY ARTS CENTER’S PROGRESS ON THEIR STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE ROLE THEY WANT IN THE CITY’S ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN.

(9:09:10) – Gina Hill, Brewery Arts Center (BAC) Executive Director, gave an update of the current BAC status. She also gave the mission statement and the role BAC would play, noting that they did not have staff currently, but had the facility to accomplish the Commission’s goals. Commissioner D’Anneo inquired about the additional staff necessary to accomplish this mission.

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

(9:20:01) – Commissioner Abowd stated that a Grants Administrator position was approved during the past Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting, and suggested working with that individual.

(9:21:58) – Chairperson McBride suggested that each subcommittee member present a consolidated section of the Master Plan they had selected to update with other members’ input.

(9:25:05) – Commissioner Cook presented the Visual Arts and Fund Raising sections. She identified the cultural and entertainment events offered in the City. Discussion ensued regarding grants. Sharon Rosse of Capital City Arts Initiative (CCAI) offered to provide CCAI attendance numbers if needed.

(9:46:35) – Chairperson McBride presented the Visual Arts and Fund Raising sections. Discussion ensued about the freeway art and the possibilities acquiring public art on murals, storage containers, etc. She also proposed art festivals and art programs in or with the schools, held by volunteer artists. Ms. Hill explained that the BAC planned to expand the Artisan Store and offered the ballroom as an exhibit space, in addition to the free art classes offered to disadvantaged children near the Empire Elementary School. Ms. Rosse expressed her disagreement with Vice Chair McBride’s proposal to encourage volunteers to provide outdoor art. She believed that artists should be paid. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the Jazz and Beyond Festival.

(9:58:11) – Commissioner D’Anneo stressed the importance of funding and the involvement of businesses, and believed that the marketing efforts should be conducted by paid staff. Commissioner Abowd mentioned former discussions of turning the Nevada State Prison into an artists’ colony. An audience member explained that the Wine Walk may morph into an Art and Wine Walk. Discussion ensued regarding efforts to keep the Nevada State Museum open on Mondays as well.

(10:32:13) – Commissioner D’Anneo presented the Economic Development/Urban Design and the Organizational Development Support sections. She wished to engage local and State governments in order to receive funding, and wished to clearly identify all art-related organizations. Commissioner D’Anneo suggested having a single and impartial coordinating agency. Commissioner Abowd encouraged spreading art throughout the City and not limiting it to downtown. Discussion ensued regarding supporting the School Board’s art programs in the schools.

(10:33:34) – Chairperson McBride identified the need for a local options tax to have a consistent revenue stream, in coordination with several related entities such as the Historic Resources Commission. She also recommended that should a local arts agency for Carson City is established, its role should be one to develop, support, and become a resource for the entire arts community. Funding options were also discussed as potential additions to the Master Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

(10:37:33) – Ms. Rosse announced that the CCAI was included in the State of the Arts Nevada Museum of Art event to be held that afternoon.

C. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO SELECT A DATE IN AUGUST FOR A CULTURAL COMMISSION WORKSHOP ON THE CITY’S ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN.

(10:39:28) – Chairperson McBride entertained agenda suggestions for the next subcommittee meeting. Commissioner D’Anneo suggested reviewing the Strategic Plan which was developed in 2011. Chairperson McBride offered to bring back statistics from the state demographer to create a more diverse plan. She also suggested that the subcommittee members edit their documents by incorporating this meeting’s discussions.

(10:47:55) – Chairperson McBride suggested having the workshop after the last subcommittee meeting in August. Mr. Krahn explained that he had a facilitator in mind but would need to confirm prior to announcing a name. Chairperson McBride offered to consolidate all the comments into a single document for discussion during the workshop. Discussion ensued regarding soliciting donations as part of the property tax or the utility bills.

There were no public comments.

D. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO CANCEL THE SUBCOMMITTEE’S AUGUST 12 AND/OR AUGUST 26, 2015 MEETINGS.

(10:57:45) – MOTION: I move to cancel the August 26, 2015 Cultural Commission Subcommittee meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED (3-0-0)
MOVER:	McBride
SECONDER:	D’Anneo
AYES:	Cook, D’Anneo, McBride
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(10:05:23) – Mr. Krahn noted that the 2011 Strategic Plan Review would continue in the next meeting, in addition to planning for the workshop.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no additional public comments.

6. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT

(11:08:38) – Commissioner D’Anneo moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion carried 3-0-0.

The Minutes of the July 29, 2015 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are respectfully submitted on October 6, 2015.

Susan Merriwether, Clerk - Recorder

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Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary