

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Cultural Commission**  
**Monday, November 25, 2019 • 5:30 PM**  
**Community Center Sierra Room**  
**851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Commission Members**

**Chair – Barbara D’Anneo**  
**Commissioner – Karen Abowd**  
**Commissioner – Christopher Leyva**  
**Commissioner – Mylo McCormick**

**Vice Chair – Lupe Ramirez**  
**Commissioner – Elinor Bugli**  
**Commissioner – Terri McBride**

**Staff**

Mark Salinas, Arts and Culture Coordinator  
Pierron Tackes, Deputy District Attorney  
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk  
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM.**

(5:31:07) –Chairperson D’Anneo called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

| Attendee Name            | Status  | Arrived |
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| Barbara D’Anneo, Chair   | Present |         |
| Lupe Ramirez, Vice Chair | Present |         |
| Karen Abowd              | Present |         |
| Elinor Bugli             | Present |         |
| Christopher Leyva        | Present |         |
| Terri McBride            | Present |         |
| Mylo McCormick           | Present |         |

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

(5:31:49) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Patricia Cooper-Smith introduced herself and announced that the Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet from St. Petersburg, Russia would be performing at the Brewery Arts Center Performance Hall on Saturday, March 28, 2020. She also stated that the organizers of the event were intending to produce “a master class” for free entry to students.

(5:34:36) – Sharon Rosse, Executive Director of Capital City Arts Initiative (CCAI), announced the exhibit titled *Faces and Places* at the Community Center’s Sierra Room as well as a reception to hear the artists talk about their work on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. She also stated that the exhibit titled *Saludos Amigos* was continuing at the Courthouse Gallery and presented an essay written by Emmanuel Ortega, a colleague of artist Justin Favela. Ms. Rosse announced that the exhibit titled *Constellation* by UNR artists was continuing at the Community Development Building.

(5:37:09) – Bill Crowell introduced himself as a resident in the Carson City community and stated his support for the International Film Festival, and he commented how he could “not believe how these ladies have taken the time to pick out such memorable films.” He also called the event a “wonderful cultural experience for folks like me in this community.”

(5:38:20) – Ursula Carlson introduced herself as an “avid attender” of and participant in the International Film Festival and stated that the classic films shown “give us a kind of depth that we normally do not find in typical movies that play to popular audiences.” She commented that the films chosen for the events “bring the community together in a way, to discuss issues” portrayed in these films and announced that the Committee hoped to facilitate “free-flowing” group discussion after film showings this year that would differ from the previous years.

(5:40:56) – Patricia Cooper-Smith introduced herself as the President of the Friends of the Carson City Library and stated her support for the CELEBRATE CULTURE! (CC!) Grant Application for the International Film Festival and agreed with what was said by Ms. Carlson.

### **3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADOPTION OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED**

(5:41:20) – Mr. Salinas noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

### **4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 9, 2019)**

(5:41:29) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained comments, questions, and/or a motion. Commissioner McBride noted a spelling error in item 3 on the second page of the minutes.

**(5:42:14) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting with the noted correction.**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>      | <b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>       | Abowd   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b>    | Bugli   |
| <b>AYES:</b>        | D’Anneo, Ramirez, Leyva, Abowd, Bugli, McBride, McCormick |
| <b>NAYS:</b>        | None  |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | None  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>      | None  |

### **5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **5.A DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE CELEBRATE CULTURE! (CC!) GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE FRIENDS OF CARSON CITY LIBRARY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1060 FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FILM WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 27-29, 2020.**

(5:42:46) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Carson City Film Festival Committee Chair Linda Bellegray introduced herself and Elizabeth Skinner, and they both presented on the CC! Grant application, which is incorporated into the record. Ms. Bellegray stated that the event reached between 700 and 800 viewers with films that “promote cultural diversity” and “reveal our common humanity.” Ms. Bellegray and Ms. Skinner

showed three film trailers for the three international films to be presented for International Film Weekend, including *Babette's Feast* (1987), *Departures* (2008), and *The Sea Inside* (2004).

(5:53:56) – Mr. Salinas responded to clarifying questions from the Commission members.

(5:54:50) – Chairperson D'Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**(5:55:04) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to approve the grant application as presented.**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>      | <b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>                                   |
| <b>MOVER:</b>       | Abowd   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b>    | Ramirez   |
| <b>AYES:</b>        | D'Anneo, Ramirez, Leyva, Abowd, Bugli, McBride, McCormick |
| <b>NAYS:</b>        | None  |
| <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> | None  |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>      | None  |

## 6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY ITEMS:

### 6.A ARTS & CULTURE COORDINATOR REPORT

(5:55:55) – Mr. Salinas presented his report with accompanying images, incorporated into the agenda materials, and responded to clarifying questions.

(6:20:46) – Commissioner Bugli requested that the dates include the year for the late material of the report.

(6:23:59) – Chairperson D'Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

## 7. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS

(6:24:44) – Chairperson D'Anneo introduced the item. Commissioner Abowd announced that The Greenhouse Project was seeking flower basket sponsorships and for those interested to visit [carsoncitygreenhouse.org](http://carsoncitygreenhouse.org) to download and submit a sponsorship form.

(6:25:40) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez announced that there would be a free event held at Western Nevada College (WNC) called La Posada Celebration on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. that would include free traditional Mexican food served during the holidays.

(6:26:45) – Commissioner Bugli announced that there would be an event at Comma Coffee called Night Lights, presented by the Mile High Jazz Band, on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and it would incorporate holiday jazz and poetry. Additionally, the Open Studios Art Tour for the Mile High Jazz Band would be expanded from one day to two days in August, 2020. She also announced that three student winners for the Carson City Symphony had been selected for the fourth annual instrumental music scholarship, and these three students would be presented with their awards at the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Treat Concert on Sunday, December 15, 2019.

(6:28:48) – Chairperson D'Anneo announced that the Pinkerton Ballet Theatre's Nutcracker Ballet would be coming to the Community Center following Thanksgiving Day.

(6:29:13) – Mr. Salinas announced the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center Museum “soft opening” on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

(6:29:42) – Commissioner McBride proposed having a joint meeting with the Culture and Tourism Authority (CTA) to “work together to figure out the one percent room tax, and if it’s going to be extended.” Commissioner Abowd stated that the issue was already being addressed “in a method that works for the CTA.” Mr. Salinas stated that he had met with the CTA and that the next step was to “gather data in statistics.” He also answered clarifying questions on the matter.

(6:34:52) – In response to Commissioner Abowd’s inquiry, Mr. Salinas stated that there were no new additions to the Public Art Policy.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(6:34:35) – Mr. Salinas stated that he could “collect information” for future discussion.

(6:36:13) – Commissioner Abowd requested an update on the Public Art Policy.

## **9. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

(6:36:37) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Mr. Salinas proposed the date of January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. for the next Cultural Commission meeting. The Commission agreed to the proposal. Mr. Salinas noted that per the Municipal Code the Commission would be voting for a new Chair and Vice Chair in January of the upcoming year.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)**

(6:37:47) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained public comments. When none were forthcoming, she asked for Commissioner McCormick’s and Commissioner Leyva’s input regarding being a part of the Commission. Both Commissioners expressed that they enjoyed being a part of the Commission.

## **11. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN.**

**(6:39:33) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McBride. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.**

The Minutes of the November 25, 2019 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are so approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020.