

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Cultural Commission
Monday, May 11, 2020 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members

Chair – Barbara D’Anneo	Vice Chair – Lupe Ramirez
Commissioner – Karen Abowd	Commissioner – Elinor Bugli
Commissioner – Christopher Leyva	Commissioner – Terri McBride

Staff

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

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

(0:00:00) – Chairperson D’Anneo called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

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

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

(0:01:33) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

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

(0:03:15) – Mr. Salinas noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES (JANUARY 27, 2020).

(0:32:00) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion. Commissioner Bugli pointed out that in the second paragraph from the end of page #5, “Gold” should be changed to “Golf.”

(0:05:12) – MOTION: Vice Chairperson Ramirez moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting as corrected.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Ramirez
SECONDER:	Bugli
AYES:	D’Anneo, Ramirez, Leyva, Abowd, Bugli, McBride
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGARDING APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FY20/21 REDEVELOPMENT ARTS & CULTURE SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING.

(0:06:16) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Mr. Salinas referenced the agenda materials and explained to the Commissioners the scoring process for the Redevelopment Arts and Culture Special Event Funding applicants, which included six categories that would be scored from zero (lowest) to five (highest) for each applicant for a total out of 30 possible points. Mr. Salinas, using a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet, would add up the scores for a percentage of the requested funds of each application that would then factor into a recommended monetary amount for each applicant. Each applicant was given three minutes to present on their request for funding before responding to Commissioner questions.

(0:13:30) – Brewery Arts Center (BAC) Executive Director Gina Lopez introduced herself and presented the grant application for the Falsettos event starting on October 9, 2020 through October 18, 2020, which is incorporated into the record.

(0:15:49) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner comments and questions, and Ms. Lopez responded to clarifying questions. Chairperson D’Anneo believed that the event was a “wonderful direction and certainly [was] needed in today’s society.” Vice Chairperson Ramirez was in favor of the topic and agreed with Chairperson D’Anneo’s comment.

(0:16:44) – In response to Commissioner Abowd’s question, Ms. Lopez assured that she planned on accommodating with the social distancing guidelines in whatever way she may have to, including adjusting the event dates if necessary.

(0:21:19) – Ms. Lopez informed Vice Chairperson Ramirez that the Brewery Arts Center events are “barrier-free,” so people who may not be able to afford a ticket could volunteer for free for the event or the Brewery Arts Center will claim responsibility [for their ticket].

(0:22:20) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner scoring for the Brewery Arts Center. Commissioner Abowd awarded 29 total points, Commissioner Bugli awarded 30 total points, Chairperson D’Anneo awarded 28 total points, Commissioner Leyva awarded 30 total points, Commissioner McBride awarded 30 total points, and Vice Chairperson Ramirez awarded 30 total points. The average total score was 29.5.

(0:26:21) – Commissioner Bugli stated that, pursuant to NRS 281A.420, she was abstaining from scoring for the Carson City Symphony Association and the Mile High Jazz Band Association due to her positions as the Carson

City Symphony Association President and the Mile High Jazz Band Association Treasurer being disqualifying conflicts of interest, as both of these organizations had submitted grant applications to compete with other organizations for grant funding.

(0:27:11) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez disclosed that, per NRS 281A.420, she had a disqualifying conflict of interest due to being the Project Advisor of the LatinXpressions series conducted by the Carson City Symphony Association, which would be competing with other organizations for grant funding; therefore, she would abstain from scoring for the Carson City Symphony Association.

(0:28:26) – Carson City Symphony Association Vice President Grant Mills presented the grant application for the Carson City Symphony Series, which is incorporated into the record.

(0:30:49) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner questions and comments. In response to Commissioner Abowd's question, Mr. Mills stated that the group sizes of performers could be restructured in order to adhere to social distancing guidelines and that creating social distance for the audience would be "a little bit limiting, but not unduly."

(0:33:37) – In response to Chairperson D'Anneo's question, Mr. Mills noted that audience attendance and participation has grown extensively over the years as well as the seasonal differences in attendance, including the increase in attendees in the Latin Series. He also indicated that the Carson City Symphony Association staff attends seminars to improve on grant writing and to increase grant writing efforts.

(0:38:31) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner scoring for the Carson City Symphony Association. Commissioner Abowd awarded 28 points, Chairperson D'Anneo awarded 28 points, Commissioner Leyva awarded 30 points, and Commissioner McBride awarded 30 points. The average total score was 29.

(0:40:20) – Mile High Jazz Band Association President David Bugli introduced himself and presented the grant application for the Jazz and Beyond Carson City Music and Art Festival starting on August 7 through August 23, 2020, which is incorporated into the record.

(0:44:36) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner questions and comments, and Mr. Bugli responded to clarifying questions. He informed the Commission that some of the printing for marketing purposes was done by Data Graphics. In response to Commissioner Abowd's inquiry, Mr. Bugli confirmed that the Carson City Visitors Bureau has helped in the past, though it would not be assisting in printing for the current year. She also complimented the event's poster.

(0:48:08) – Mr. Bugli mentioned that some of the events could be done later in the year assuming that there may be less restrictions, including social distancing.

(0:50:50) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner scoring for the Mile-High Jazz Band Association. Commissioner Abowd awarded 29 points, Chairperson D'Anneo awarded 29 points, Commissioner Leyva awarded 30 points, Commissioner McBride awarded 30 points, and Vice Chairperson Ramirez awarded 30 points. The average total score was 29.6.

(0:52:55) – Wild Horse Productions Executive Director Carol Scott introduced herself and presented the grant application for the Wild Horse Children's Theater: Disney's Moana, Jr. for December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 19, 2020, which is incorporated into the record.

(0:56:10) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner questions and comments. Commissioner Abowd wished to applaud Ms. Scott for hiring a consultant through the Nevada Arts Council (NAC) Circuit Riders Grant to assist the Wild Horse Productions board with fundraising, donor engagement, and developing and planning ideas. Chairperson D’Anneio agreed with Commissioner Abowd’s comment.

(0:57:02) – In response to Commissioner McBride’s question, Ms. Scott explained that “sensory-friendly equipment/modifications/training” refers to such things as different seating, bouncy-balls, and headphones and laptops for participants to block out sound, all of which need funding in order for Wild Horse Productions to continue with at least one sensory-friendly performance for each show as intended.

(0:59:33) – Mr. Salinas entertained Commissioner scoring for Wild Horse Productions. Commissioner Abowd awarded 30 points, Commissioner Bugli awarded 30 points, Chairperson D’Anneio awarded 29 points, Commissioner Leyva awarded 30 points, Commissioner McBride awarded 30 points, and Vice Chairperson Ramirez awarded 30 points. The average total score was 29.8.

(1:01:55) – Chairperson D’Anneio recessed the meeting.

(1:03:48) – Chairperson D’Anneio reconvened the meeting.

(1:04:00) – Commissioner Abowd announced their final recommended funding would be a total amount of \$17,197.

(1:06:33) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to recommend to the Redevelopment Authority the allocation of fiscal year 2020/21 Redevelopment Arts and Culture Special Event Funding as follows:

- **Brewery Arts Center Falsettos [Event]: \$2,458**
- **Carson City Symphony Concert Series: \$4,833**
- **Mile High Jazz Band Association Jazz and Beyond Events: \$4,933**
- **Wild Horse Productions Wild Horse Children’s Theater: \$4,972**

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	McBride
AYES:	D’Anneio, Ramirez, Leyva, Abowd, Bugli, McBride
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

6. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF ARTS + CULTURE AND THE CARSON CITY CULTURAL COMMISSION FY19/20 ANNUAL REPORT AND FY20/21 WORK PLAN.

(1:08:38) – Chairperson D’Anneio introduced the item, and Mr. Salinas presented the agenda materials. Chairperson D’Anneio commended Mr. Salinas on his report. There were no additional comments.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE’S PROJECT CALENDAR AND BUDGET FOR PUBLIC ART PROGRAMMING FOR FY20/21.

(1:27:16) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Mr. Salinas presented the agenda materials and responded to clarifying questions.

(1:40:50) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained a motion.

(1:40:59) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to approve the Department of Arts and Culture Calendar and Budget for the Public Art Programming for fiscal year 2020/21 as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	McBride
SECONDER:	Bugli
AYES:	D’Anneo, Ramirez, Leyva, Abowd, Bugli, McBride
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DEPARTMENT REPORT.

(1:42:10) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Mr. Salinas presented his report, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS.

(1:46:11) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Commissioner Abowd announced that the flower baskets for the 2020 Flower Basket Program had been sponsored, and the flower baskets would be hung in downtown Carson City on June 1, 2020. She noted that, even though the Concert Under the Stars had been cancelled, The Greenhouse Project was able to raise \$52,000 for its outdoor classroom at Carson High School, and the Carson City School District was granted the William N. Pennington Foundation \$25,000 grant on The Greenhouse Project’s behalf. She mentioned that The Greenhouse Project outdoor classroom was fully funded and would break ground at the end of May 2020. Commissioner Abowd wished to thank The Union, Gather, and Cucina Lupe for assisting with fundraising events before having to shutdown due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

(1:47:40) – Commissioner Bugli announced that the Capital City Arts Initiative and the Carson City Symphony Association had both applied for the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act grant, which would start in July 2020 if effective.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

(1:48:10) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained suggestions for future agenda items. Commissioner McBride mentioned that the Commission would be looking at a draft of the Public Art Policy during the next meeting.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS.

(1:48:20) – Chairperson D’Anneo noted that a special meeting was scheduled for May 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT):

None.

13. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJORN.

(1:52:56) – Chairperson D’Anneio adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are so approved this 8th day of March 2021.