

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Carson City Cultural Commission (CC)
Tuesday, May 19, 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
Pierron Tackes, Deputy District Attorney via WebEx
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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

(5:42:16) – Chairperson D’Anneo called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:43:53) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

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

(5:44:08) – Mr. Salinas noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF A PUBLIC ART PROPOSAL BY LEPORI CONSTRUCTION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1112 NORTH CARSON STREET, APN 001-178-06.

(5:44:18) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Commissioner Abowd disclosed that, per NRS 281A.420, she and her husband had privately sold a parcel of property to Jacksons Food Stores being developed by Lepori Construction, and the real estate transaction was finalized in January 2020. She noted that she no longer had a

commitment at a private capacity to Jacksons Food Stores, nor a substantial or continuing business relationship. She also stated that the art installation referenced in the item was not contemplated or included as a term in the real estate transaction between Jacksons Food Stores and Commissioner Abowd; therefore, because she did not have a personal or economic interest in the property, and she did not believe that her independence of judgment was materially affected, she did not have a disqualifying conflict of interest and would be voting on the matter.

(5:46:22) – Mr. Salinas referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying pictures, all of which are incorporated into the record, and introduced Lepori Construction Design Project Manager Dominic Gonzalez.

(5:50:00) – Mr. Gonzalez presented the Public Art Proposal and accompanying documents, all of which are incorporated into the record. Mr. Salinas added that Jacksons Food Stores would purchase, install, and maintain the artwork per the arrangement with the Carson City Planning Commission, as the artwork would be the property of Jacksons Food Stores. Mr. Gonzalez confirmed that the installation would be an aluminum brushed surface instead of a rusted steel surface, and the aluminum would have a shinier finish and will not rust. He also responded to clarifying questions.

(5:58:10) – Commissioner Bugli inquired about other shape designs that had been considered, and discussion ensued regarding incorporating a star into the piece. Chairperson D’Anneo noted that every capital city on a map has a red star on it and inquired about adding a star to the piece where Carson City would be on the State of Nevada map with a different color LED lighting. Commissioner McBride and Mr. Salinas suggested making the punched-out shapes in the piece stars rather than the proposed State of Nevada shapes. Mr. Gonzalez stated that he could ask the artist, Jeff Schomberg, if the suggestions could be considered.

(6:15:40) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained a motion.

(6:17:15) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to approve Lepori Construction’s [Public] Art Proposal, fulfilling their Notice of Decisions LU-2019-0070, Conditions of Approval Item #7 as issued by the Carson City Planning Commission, “with the note that during this discussion, the sound went out for approximately five minutes.”

RESULT:	APPROVED (5-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	McBride
AYES:	D’Anneo, Ramirez, Abowd, Bugli, McBride
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Leyva

5. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF A DRAFT PUBLIC ART POLICY FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF CARSON CITY.

(6:20:05) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Mr. Salinas presented the draft Public Art Policy, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions.

(6:47:56) – Chairperson D’Anneo complimented the draft Public Art Policy, though she also believed that an idea for where the Commission could find a storage facility was missing from the document.

(6:48:29) – Commissioner Abowd suggested the following revisions to the document:

- The phrase “... *a public arts administration acts...*” in the last paragraph of page #3 should read “... *a public arts administration adds...*”
- The phrase “... *the Department of Arts & Culture for acceptance and...*” in the first paragraph of page #9 should read “... *the Department of Arts & Culture for acceptance and/or...*”
- The phrases “*since private owners benefit from the display of publicly art, they will be expected to share in costs such artist fees...*” in the second to last paragraph of page #11 should read “*since private owners benefit from the display of public art, they will be expected to share in costs such as artist fees...*”
- The phrase “*municipal public art collections are valuable and appreciating cultural assets...*” in the first paragraph of page #20 should read “*municipal public art collections are valuable cultural assets...*”

(6:50:51) – Mr. Salinas proposed adding the discussion of the Public Art Policy as a future agenda item for any new questions or updates to the document, and he believed it would give him time to share the document with other department heads in the meantime. No formal action was taken on this item.

6. FOR DISCUSSION: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF A DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE ARTS DATA REPORT.

(6:52:10) – Chairperson D’Anneio introduced the item. Mr. Salinas presented the report, which is incorporated into the record, and responded to clarifying questions.

(7:06:09) – Chairperson D’Anneio entertained Commissioner comments and questions. She and Commissioner Bugli complimented Mr. Salinas on his report.

7. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONER TERMS AND UPDATES.

(7:07:43) – Chairperson D’Anneio introduced the item. Mr. Salinas and Ms. Tackes referenced the agenda materials and noted that, because of the new Commissioner vacancy resulting from Commissioner McCormick’s resignation, they discovered that five Commissioners are scheduled to end their terms by the end of 2020. Mr. Salinas explained that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) had originally staggered the initial terms in July 2008.

(7:11:59) – Ms. Tackes added that she and Mr. Salinas wished to inform the Commission about the plan to straighten out the Commissioner terms by having new Commissioner vacancies be filled for the remainder of the vacant position’s term before the person filling that seat would need to reapply, which was originally the intention of the BOS. She also pointed out that the Carson City’s Boards, Committees and Commissions (BBC) Policies and Procedures indicate that no one person may sit on one board or commission for more than 12 years with the exception being that they may reapply for their position if no one that is qualified has applied.

8. FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE REPORT

(7:18:15) – Chairperson D’Anneio introduced the item. Mr. Salinas presented his report, which is incorporated into the record, and entertained Commissioner questions and comments. He also responded to clarifying questions.

(7:25:50) – Commissioner Abowd called the mural referenced in the report an exciting idea and believed it was “the shot in the arm that we need.”

(7:28:03) – Chairperson D’Anneo mentioned that Carson City Rotary Club President Rachelle Resnick had applied for a grant for the mural project to the Carson City Rotary Club’s district, and Chairperson D’Anneo had invited Mr. Salinas to speak to the Rotary Club the following week to share the same information regarding the Greetings Tour.

(7:31:15) – Commissioner Bugli thanked Mr. Salinas and believed that other art coalitions would like to be involved with the Greetings Tour.

(7:31:38) – Vice Chairperson Ramirez suggested student involvement in the Greetings Tour project.

9. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND/OR COMMENTS.

(7:32:07) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Commissioner McBride inquired about an update on the one percent room tax that funds the public arts programming, as it was set to expire in May 2021. Mr. Salinas suggested organizing a virtual meeting with Americans for the Arts Vice President of Research and Information Randy Cohen to provide answers for Commissioner McBride. Commissioner McBride was concerned about losing an arts supporter in the Carson City Mayor’s office and two more arts supporters on the BOS due to the upcoming City election, which would be two Commission meetings away from this meeting. She also urged reaching out to the BOS, specifically Supervisor Stacey Giomi, to voice support for continuing arts and culture programming.

(7:38:56) – Concerning Commissioner McBride’s comment, Commissioner Bugli suggested updating letters of support for arts and culture programming.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

(7:39:48) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item, and Mr. Salinas proposed further discussion on the Public Art Policy for the next meeting’s agenda.

11. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS (TENTATIVE).

(7/40/19) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and noted that the next CC meeting was scheduled for July 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT

(7:40:34) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

16. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJORN.

(7:41:44) – Chairperson D’Anneo adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are so approved this 8th day of March 2021.