

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Cultural Commission (CC)
Thursday, October 21, 2021 ● 4:30 PM
Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members

Chair – Barbara D’Anneo	Vice Chair – Karen Abowd
Commissioner – Elinor Bugli	Commissioner – Christopher Leyva
Commissioner – Stan Jones	Commissioner – Amy Clemens
Commissioner – Sierra Scott	

Staff

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Debra Soule, Arts and Culture Program Manager
Todd Reese, Deputy District Attorney
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(4:31:04) – Chairperson D’Anneo called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

(4:31:20) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Barbara D’Anneo, Chair	Present	
Karen Abowd	Present	
Elinor Bugli	Present	4:42 p.m.
Christopher Leyva	Present	
Stan Jones	Present	
Sierra Scott	Absent	
Amy Clemens	Absent	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

(4:31:41) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 20, 2021

(4:32:03) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained corrections and a motion for the minutes.

(4:32:09) – **MOTION:** Vice Chairperson Abowd moved to approve the July 20, 2021 minutes with a correction on page #6.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	Jones
AYES:	D’Anneo, Abowd, Leyva, Jones
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Bugli, Scott, Clemens

5. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS:

5.a FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CARSON CITY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (“AUTHORITY”) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF FISCAL YEAR (“FY”) 2022 REDEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND ARTS & CULTURE SPECIAL EVENT FUNDING OF UP TO \$25,000.

(4:33:10) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Ms. Soule referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachments, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(4:34:48) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained presentations of the five agencies’ event funding requests, all of which are incorporated in the agenda materials. Commissioner Bugli read into the record a prepared disclosure statement, per Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 281A.420, advised of a disqualifying conflict of interest, and indicated that she would not be voting on this item. The following representatives presented their agencies’ requests and responded to clarifying questions:

- Brewery Arts Center (BAC) Executive Director Gina Lopez, appearing on behalf of the BAC
- Capital City Arts Initiative (CCAI) Executive Director Sharon Rosse, appearing on behalf of the CCAI
- Proscenium Players, Inc. Board President Michon Chandler, appearing on behalf of Proscenium Players, Inc.
- Carson City Symphony Association Board of Directors President Elinor Bugli, representing the Carson City Symphony
- Theresa Chipp, appearing on behalf of the Pinkerton Ballet Theatre doing business as (dba) the Nevada Dance Company

(5:08:10) – Ms. Paulson instructed the Commissioners to score each applicant, and she stated that she would use each applicant’s total score to organize the applicants in her spreadsheet by most points scored. She added that the Commissioners may also decide how they would like to fund each of the applicant’s requests out of the available \$25,000 from the Redevelopment Revolving Arts and Culture Special Event Grant funds. Vice Chairperson Abowd commented that, “in the spirit of the fact that the pandemic has taken hold of our lives and our non-profits’ lives for the last two years,” the scoring rubric “almost doesn’t seem applicable in this case.” She pointed out that if all applicants could accept \$1,000 less than their initial funding requests, every applicant could receive funding. Referring to the applicants, Vice Chairperson Abowd added, “the fact that you have survived these last two years and are still here to come back and do what you do best, to me that feels the most fair.” Chairperson D’Anneo agreed with Vice Chairperson Abowd’s stance, and Commissioner Jones believed that the suggestion “sounds

equitable.” Chairperson D’Anneo commented that “we do have five wonderful applicants, all of whom enlarge and enhance the cultural, artistic life in Carson City, and I think we need to recognize that.”

(5:11:14) – MOTION: Vice Chairperson Abowd moved that all the applicants, which would be the Brewery Arts Center, the Capital City Arts Initiative, the Carson City Symphony, the Pinkerton Ballet Theatre, and the Proscenium Players, Inc., all take \$1,000 less of their [requests] so that every [agency that applied] can be funded.

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-0-1)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	Leyva
AYES:	D’Anneo, Abowd, Leyva, Jones
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	Bugli
ABSENT:	Scott, Clemens

(5:12:18) – Ms. Paulson informed the applicants that the recommended funding awards would move forward to the November 4, 2021 Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS) Redevelopment Authority meeting.

6. FOR DISCUSSION:

a. CITY MANAGER’S ARTS & CULTURE REPORT

(5:13:06) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Ms. Paulson did not have any additional items to report.

b. COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS

(5:13:18) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained Commissioner reports and comments. Vice Chairperson Abowd reported that The Greenhouse Project had a successful Grateful Harvest Dinner event, and The Greenhouse Project was going through the permitting process with the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). She stated that The Greenhouse Project also obtained a Special Use Permit to expand the agricultural offerings and what the organization does, and in the spirit of its horticultural arts, The Greenhouse Project launched its 2022 flower basket campaign. She indicated that those interested can access a flower basket application from the website www.carsoncitygreenhouse.org to sponsor a flower basket to pay for the watering and care for the flower baskets located in the downtown area of the City.

(5:14:47) – Commissioner Bugli informed those present at the meeting of the Carson City Symphony’s upcoming events through the end of the calendar year.

(5:15:36) – Commissioner Leyva encouraged those present at the meeting to listen online to the Native Nevada podcast that was produced by the Nevada Public Radio and mentioned the content included a lot of history with the Native tribes.

(5:17:05) – Commissioner Jones stated that Carson City Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ronni Hannaman was working with the local newspaper to publish all of the City’s Christmas activities, and he provided her phone number for organizations that were interested in free advertising, as Ms. Hannaman was looking for input

for the matter. Commissioner Jones also believed that the Commission needed to establish a date for meetings that is compatible with most of those involved with the Commission.

(5:19:04) – Chairperson D’Anneio requested updates on the American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant request and the Carson Street roundabout mural, both of which are referenced in the July 20, 2021 meeting minutes. Vice Chairperson Abowd added that there would be a meeting scheduled for November 1, 2021 regarding the matters referenced by Chairperson D’Anneio.

c. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(5:20:41) – Chairperson D’Anneio entertained requests for future agenda items; however, none were forthcoming.

d. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

(5:20:58) – Chairperson D’Anneio introduced the item. Ms. Paulson indicated that the Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room was reserved for December 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. for the next CC meeting.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

(5:21:57) – Chairperson D’Anneio entertained public comments. Ms. Lopez informed the Commission that the BAC had published an art assessment survey during the past month and received 350 responses for the survey. She also offered to share the survey results with the Commission.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJORN.

(5:23:18) – Chairperson D’Anneio adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.

The Minutes of the October 21, 2021 Carson City Cultural Commission meeting are so approved this 13th day of December 2021.