

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Carson City Cultural Commission (CCCC)
Monday, July 25, 2022 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members

Chair – Barbara D’Anneo	Vice Chair –Sierra Scott
Commissioner – Karen Abowd	Commissioner – Christopher Leyva
Commissioner – Stan Jones	Commissioner – Susan Mowers
Commissioner – Bethany Drysdale	

Staff

Nancy Paulson, City Manager
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager
Debra Soule, Arts and Culture Program Manager
Jennifer Budge, Parks and Recreation Director
Dan Earp, Recreation Superintendent
Todd Reese, Deputy District Attorney
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(00:10) – Chairperson D’Anneo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

(00:43) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Barbara D’Anneo, Chair	Present	
Sierra Scott, Vice Chair	Present	
Karen Abowd	Present	
Christopher Leyva	Present	
Stan Jones	Present	
Susan Mowers	Present	
Bethany Drysdale	Present	

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT)

(01:03) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments. Mr. Earp announced that the Carson City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department had published the job posting for the Program Supervisor for the Carson City Arts and Culture Program and requested for those who know of anyone who may be interested in applying for the position to “please send them our way.”

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 13, 2022

(03:11) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and a motion.

(03:50) – MOTION: Commissioner Abowd moved to approve the minutes of June 13, 2022 as corrected.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Abowd
SECONDER:	Jones
AYES:	D’Anneo, Scott, Leyva, Abowd Jones, Mowers, Drysdale
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5.a FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING AN UPDATE ON THE ARTS AND CULTURE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SINCE THE LAST CARSON CITY CULTURAL COMMISSION ("COMMISSION") MEETING HELD IN JUNE 2022, AS WELL AS, AN UPDATE ON PROGRAM DELIVERY.

(04:11) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Ms. Soule reported the following regarding Arts and Culture Program activities:

- The Great Western Steam Up event was “a tremendous success,” with over 7,500 tickets sold to attendees from all over the country as well as some attendees from Canada, Europe, and Australia. All the City’s lodging properties were full during the weekend of the event, and the Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority (CTA) was conducting a post-event survey, for which there were 400 survey completions at this time.
- The first draft of the Cultural Asset Map was created and would soon be available on the Carson City website.
- Planning for the Art on the Trails experience was progressing, and Ms. Soule had been working on negotiations with leaders for each of the four artwork stations on the trail. The experience would include stations for plein-air painting, gourd art, decorating, a basket weaving workshop led by a Great Basin artist, and possibly a natural jewelry making workshop also led by a Great Basin artist.
- The interpretive sign for the “Inside the Mind of DaVinci” sculpture was completed and received by the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department, with Staff currently working on installation details.
- The first orientation meeting for the Mark Twain mural was held recently, and the project group was exploring some possible locations for the mural.

Ms. Soule also responded to clarifying questions.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

6.a FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CARSON CITY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ("BOARD") FOR APPROVAL OF THE CARSON CITY PUBLIC ART POLICY ("POLICY").

(08:02) – Ms. Soule presented a Slideshow as an introduction for the Carson City Public Art Policy and how it fit into the scope of Arts and Culture Program activities. Ms. Budge and Mr. Earp referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachment, both of which are incorporated into the record. Ms. Soule, Ms. Paulson, Ms. Budge, and Mr. Earp also responded to clarifying questions.

(31:20) – Commissioner Abowd requested removing the word “campaign” from section 6.1c of the proposed Policy and, referencing section 6.2a of the Policy, pointed out that the Redevelopment Funding should also be available for events and projects, as the Arts and Culture Redevelopment Grant Program had been amended. Referencing section 4.2b, Commissioner Jones was not in favor of the position title of “Recreation Supervisor” and believed that the title should be more specific to an Arts and Culture Program position. He suggested instead labeling the position as an “Arts and Culture Coordinator”; however, Ms. Paulson stated that the position title had already been approved by the Carson City Board of Supervisors (BOS) as a supplemental request. Mr. Earp clarified that the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Department tries to ensure that new positions that are added fit into the organizational chart titles. Commissioner Mowers agreed with Commissioner Jones’ feedback, as she considered the possibility of someone within the scope of an art director overlooking the position due to the title. Commissioner Abowd noted that arts and culture was recreation and suggested further clarification for the position title. Discussion ensued, during which, per Commissioner Abowd’s request, Ms. Budge agreed to clarify in section 6.1 of the proposed Policy how the City and the CTA would coordinate in regards to implementing the Policy and the arts and culture projects and programs. Commissioner Abowd recommended setting up “a roadmap” for coordination between the City and the CTA for implementing and updating the Arts and Culture Strategic Plan, and she inquired about CTA staff’s involvement in the CCCC meetings. Chairperson D’Anneo inquired about a schedule for collaboration between the City and the CTA.

(43:37) – Vice Chairperson Scott was in favor of the Policy being “a living document,” and she and Chairperson D’Anneo complimented and thanked Ms. Soule for her role in developing the proposed Policy, which Vice Chairperson Scott also complimented as “a really thorough and well-written first draft that gives us a lot to work with.” Commissioner Abowd also thanked Ms. Hicks, and Chairperson D’Anneo recognized Ms. Hicks and Ms. Paulson for the amount of work put into the proposed Policy. Chairperson D’Anneo entertained a motion.

(45:28) – MOTION: Commissioner Drysdale moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the proposed Policy, as a living document, with the changes as discussed. Chairperson D’Anneo entertained additional comments, and Ms. Soule indicated that the word “campaign” in section 6.2b would also need to be removed. Chairperson D’Anneo called for a vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Drysdale
SECONDER:	Abowd
AYES:	D’Anneo, Scott, Abowd, Leyva, Jones, Mowers, Drysdale
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	None

7. CULTURAL COMMISSION:

- CITY MANAGER’S ARTS & CULTURE REPORT

(47:13) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item. Ms. Paulson did not have any additional items to report and thanked the Commissioners.

- **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS**

(48:15) – Chairperson D’Anneo introduced the item and entertained Commissioner reports and comments. Commissioner Abowd announced that The Greenhouse Project’s “Grow It Forward” campaign would be ending at the end of this month and indicated that The Greenhouse Project’s match donor was from Reno. She informed the Commission that The Greenhouse Project’s Grateful Harvest dinner was scheduled for September 19, 2022 at the Nashville Social Club, with there being 67 tickets left at \$275 per person for the event.

(49:46) – Vice Chairperson Scott reported that Wild Horse Productions was “really excited” to partner with the CTA, and Wild Horse Productions had represented Carson City for the 2022 Pride Parade in Reno during the weekend. She announced that Wild Horse Productions would be organizing a chorus line at the Community Center in the Bob Boldrick Theatre, for which Vice Chairperson Scott would be performing on stage.

(50:18) – Commissioner Drysdale announced that the *Rock and Pinball Exhibition* and the Downtown Vintage Market were open to the public.

- **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

(52:00) – Chairperson D’Anneo suggested agendaing an item regarding the youth art contest for the trash collection bins in the Lone Mountain Cemetery.

- **UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

(54:07) – Based on Ms. Paulson’s suggestions, the Commission agreed to possibly schedule the next CCCC meeting during October 2022.

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

(59:52) – Chairperson D’Anneo entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

9. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJORN.

(59:57) – Chairperson D’Anneo adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

The Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Carson City Cultural Commission special meeting are so approved this 18th day of October 2022.