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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Chico Arts Commissioners: Gina Bax, Vianna Boring, Monica McDaniel, Bonnie Pipkin, Katie Posey,  
Vice-Chair Louis Nava, and Chair Kimberly Ranalla

**Meeting of July 12, 2023 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ranalla at 4:28 p.m. with Commissioner Bax absent.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

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A motion by Commissioner Posey was seconded by Commissioner Boring to approve the minutes for April 26, 2023, as presented. The motion carried (6-0-1, Commissioner Bax absent).

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### 3. UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT *(Commissioners Nava)*

Commissioner Nava reported that the ad hoc committee had not met yet due to Commissioners being on vacation and Commissioner Bax being out of the country. He stated that the Committee is excited to move forward with this project and will be meeting when Commissioner Bax returns.

Deputy Director of Public Works-Operations & Maintenance, Skyler Lipski provided additional information regarding the area available for the pilot project is between 1<sup>st</sup> street and 7<sup>th</sup> street on Main and Broadway. He estimated 10 boxes would be involved and the City would like them to focus on boxes that had been previously painted. Mr. Lipski will provide the Committee with a map of the target boxes. He also indicated that while the City is not opposed to painting the boxes, vinyl wrapping might be the most efficient method with regards to maintenance and possible replacement should it be damaged.

The ad hoc committee report back at the next meeting with their progress on possible funding sources, estimated cost per box, possible sponsorship plan, and proposed program structure (i.e. selection of artists, etc.).

### 4. UPDATE ON ARTS & CULTURE GRANT CYCLE 2022-2023 PROJECT REPORTS

The report deadline for the 2022-2023 grant cycle is July 15<sup>th</sup>. To date no reports have been received, one organization refunded the money as they were unable to complete the project. The Clerk's Office sent a reminder for all recipients.

### 5. DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH AND APPLY FOR ART GRANTS

The Commission discussed the formation of a grant ad hoc committee to research, propose, and possibly write grants for the Commission to fund projects in the community.

Commissioners Boring, Pipkin, and McDaniel were appointed to the committee and will provide an update at the next meeting.

**6. REPORT FROM CHICO ARTS AND CULTURE FOUNDATION (Mary Gardner)**

Mary Gardner provided a brief history of the Chico Arts & Culture Foundation for the benefit of the new Commissioners. She then provided an update on the activities of the Foundation.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Members of the public addressing the Commission on this item were Maddie, Erin, Lisa Freeman Wood, Kimberly Ranalla.

**8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. to a special Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

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Approved: 10/11/23

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