
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Chico Arts Commissioners: Stephen Cummins, Mary Gardner, Louis Nava, Jedrek Speer, Vice-Chair
Kimberly Ranalla, and Chair Monica McDaniel

Special Meeting of April 26, 2023 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Commissioners Cummins and Speer were absent.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from 9/14/22 and 10/12/22.

A motion by Commissioner Nava was seconded by Commissioner Gardner to approve the minutes for June 13, 2022, as presented. The motion carried (4-0-2, Commissioners Cummins and Speer absent).

3. OATH OF OFFICE – (City Clerk Debbie Presson)

City Clerk Debbie Presson administered the oath of office to new Commissioners Gina Bax, Vianna Boring, Bonnie Pipkin, and Katie Posey.

4. SELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR – (City Clerk Debbie Presson)

City Clerk Presson facilitated the selection of Chair and Vice-Chair.

A motion by Commissioner Boring was seconded by Commissioner Pipkin to select Commissioner Ranalla as Chair. The motion carried (7-0).

A motion by Commissioner Boring was seconded by Commissioner Posey to select Commissioner Nava as Vice-Chair. The motion carried (7-0).

5. FOLLOW UP ON UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (Commissioner Nava)

Commissioner Nava reported that he had spoken with Skyler Lipski with the City's Operations & Maintenance Department, and they are in favor of the project. City Clerk Presson advised the Commission that the next steps would be to define the project/program, determine what the Commission would like the program to look like including, the number of boxes, designated area, identifying possible funding sources, possible artists, proposed types of materials, and the total estimated costs. Once that was defined, then they could make a presentation to the Council to get feedback and approval prior to moving forward.

Members of the public addressing the Commission on this topic were, Mary Gardner who indicated that the Arts & Culture Foundation had applied for a grant but was unsuccessful in their proposal.

Chair Ranalla appointed an ad hoc committee of Vice-Chair Nava, Commissioner Bax, and inviting participation of the Arts & Culture Foundation-Mary Gardner, and members of the public-Lisa Freeman Wood. Additional members of the public are invited to attend and participate. The ad hoc committee will report back at the July meeting.

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

Commissioner Gardner provided a brief report on the activities of the Foundation.

7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

- **ADDITIONAL ITEM** – This item arose after posting the agenda.

The Commission voted unanimously to add discussion of the Arts & Culture Grant for the 2023-2024 Cycle to the agenda.

The Commission discussed the grant deadlines:

August 17, 2023,	Application deadline
September 13, 2023,	Funding discussion and selection of recipients
July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024,	Project cycle/funding activity period
June 30, 2024,	Project completion
July 15, 2024,	Grant project reports due

In order to provide the applicants more time to complete the application process, the Commission voted to post the grant information and open the grant application period on May 15th if possible.

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to a special Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: 7/12/23

Prepared by:



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