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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Meeting of January 12, 2022 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

*Via Zoom*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. All Commissioners were present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from 10/13/21.

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A motion by Commissioner Cummins was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried (6-0-1, Commissioner Gardner abstained).

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**3. 2021/2022 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT PROJECTS AND AWARDS**

- 3.1 Legacy Stage Non-Profit Status Update

Commissioner Ferguson reported that she reached out to Erin Horst with Legacy Stage and the required documentation was provided and forwarded to the North Valley Community Foundation.

**4. STATUS OF THE 2019-2020 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT CYCLE END OF YEAR REPORTS**

Chair McDaniel provided an update on organizations that have not submitted their reports. She stated that she had been in contact with all the grantees and had received most of the reports. Chair McDaniel stated that due to staffing changes, Inspire was unaware they had received a grant. North Valley Community Foundation will be asked to provide more information regarding the date the check was issued and where it was sent to assist Inspire in tracking down the project.

**5. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE PARTNERSHIPS FOR MAINTNENACE OF PRIVATE ART IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY-**

Public Works Director, Erik Gustafson discussed the City's treatment of graffiti in the city, regardless of whether the property is publicly or privately owned.

Options for funding for a partnership for performing maintenance on private art in the public view were discussed. It was determined that the City could not provide that funding as it would be considered a gift of public funds.

Commissioner Gardner offered to propose the project to the Arts and Culture Foundation to see if they would be interested in such a partnership and report back at the next meeting.

## 6. DISCUSSION OF UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

Lisa Freeman-Wood, Commissioners Ferguson, Nava, and Speer reported on the information they had gathered regarding utility box improvement programs from other communities. Commissioner Gardner reported on the program in Boise Idaho, where they utilize a vinyl wrap instead of directly painting on the boxes.

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Chair McDaniel appointed Commissioners Nava and Ferguson to an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate further and come up with a plan for next steps. The Committee will report back at the next meeting.

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## 7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Gardner requested to agendaize a report and discussion from the Arts & Culture Foundation. The Commission was in consensus to add this item to the agenda.

Commissioner Cummins requested to agendaize an update on the Cultural Mapping project. The Commission was in consensus to add this item to the agenda.

Commissioner Ranalla requested to agendaize a discussion of the Mayor's Arts Awards. The Commission was in consensus to add this item to the agenda.

## 8. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

### Clean California Grant

Public Works Director Gustafson reported to the Commission that the City is currently in the process of applying for a "Clean California Grant". This grant is designed for disadvantaged areas. The City will target the disadvantaged area of the Park Avenue and East Park Avenue Corridor for their proposed project.

A major component of the proposed project would be the repair or replacement of the "Plow" sculpture that is located in the median. Currently, staff is recommending replacement. The "Plow" was installed in 2001, and while it is a great piece, it has had significant issues.

In the 2017 Public Arts maintenance inventory, "The Plow" was listed as the top item requiring maintenance and repair with a "Level 2" urgency factor. The basalt rock is cracking, there is significant water damage, exposed infrastructure, along with missing landscaping. Most importantly the metal internal structure of the plow is not stainless and is now rusted and degraded. This would be a great opportunity to replace the piece with another piece and integrate additional pieces along the corridor, which could include gateway arches into the Meyers Avenue Industrial Park.

If approved, the project would be significant with full tree replacement, full landscape replacement, automation, irrigation, Class 1 bike path installation, replacement of the current bike path where it is damaged, sidewalk replacement, and some stamped concrete opportunities along both shoulders and the median all the way down Park Avenue to East Park Avenue towards Highway 99.

Mr. Gustafson indicated that they are hoping to also include a preservation coating on the "Love" mural to protect it. Staff will keep the Commission informed, with the understanding that if the Grant is awarded, there will be additional discussions with the Arts Commission regarding the details of the designs and any proposed changes to current artwork or the addition of any new pieces.

Chair McDaniel stated that she is excited at the possibility of being able to deal with the "Plow", and that the basalt has been problematic from the start, with Commissioners needing to deal with it as best they could as it crumbled into the median. She pointed out the piece is currently not lit or landscaped. She expressed her support and excitement for the proposed changes and stated that the Arts Commission would be willing to hold special meetings to consult on this project and help in any way they can.

Consultant Toni Scott stated that she is excited about this project and was impressed by staff's desire to make sure public art was included in the project.

Commissioner Gardner suggested that having an artist provide consultation early in the design process would be helpful.

#### **California Arts Council Impact Grant**

Thomasin Saxe with 1078 Gallery reported that they had received a California Arts Council Impact grant for murals in the Barber neighborhood. Chair McDaniel suggested that they should include a line item in their budget for a clear coat on the murals to protect them.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 5:52 p.m. in Conference Room 1 in the Council Chamber located at 421 Main Street, Chico, CA unless a Special Meeting of the Commission is scheduled.

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Approved: April 13, 2022

Prepared by:

  
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Stina Cooley, City Clerk/Technician

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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Meeting of April 13, 2022 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

*Via Zoom*

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Commissioners Cummins, Ferguson, and Speer were absent.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from January 12, 2022.

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A motion by Vice-Chair Ranalla was seconded by Commissioner Nava to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Ferguson, and Speer absent).

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### 3. STATUS OF THE 2019-2020 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT CYCLE END OF YEAR REPORTS (Chair McDaniel)

Chair McDaniel provided a brief update on the status of the reports and stated that she and Vice Chair Ranalla will be meeting and preparing a report for the City Council.

### 4. REPORT FROM CHICO ARTS AND CULTURE FOUNDATION (Commissioner Gardner)

Commissioner Gardner provided an update on the current activities of the Chico Arts & Culture Foundation. She stated that the Foundation has updated their website with new content and have been working on refreshing some of their programs such as the Downtown Art tours, and the Art Mentor program as well as launching some new programs including the Neighborhood Art Project.

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A motion by Chair McDaniel was seconded by Vice Chair Ranalla to agendaize discussion of the following Arts & Culture Foundation requests:

- Sending a letter to request that the city allow businesses applying for the Façade Improvement grants to be able to include public art features in their proposals.
- Allowing the Arts & Culture Foundation to collaborate in the discussion of the assessment and prioritization of projects for the public art maintenance fund.

The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Ferguson, and Speer absent).

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**5. FOLLOW UP ON UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS (Commissioners Ferguson & Nava)**

Commissioner Nava reported that he had received information that PG&E was no longer participating in utility box beautification projects. After additional discussion, he will reach out to PG&E to see if that determination is specifically related to the sponsorship of such programs or if they would allow the Commission to launch a program at no cost to the Company.

**6. REPORT ON CULTURAL MAPPING PROJECT (Karen Avis)**

Karen Avis from the University Public Engagement Department provided an update on the Creative City Chico project. She shared that the project is moving into the next phase and will be once again inviting community input.

**7. UPDATE ON MURAL COATING DONATION/COLLABORATION (Commissioners Ferguson & Gardner)**

Commissioner Gardner provided a brief report and suggested that Commissioner Ferguson would possibly have more to report at the next meeting.

**8. MAYOR'S ART ACHIEVEMENT NOMINATION FORMS-REVIEW & UPDATE**

The Commission approved the nomination form and determined that the completed forms will be due prior to the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. The nominations will be reviewed, and the winners selected at that meeting.

It was suggested that the Commission should consider moving the achievement awards to April next year in conjunction with "Arts, Culture and Creativity Month".

**9. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Members of the public addressing the Commission on this item were Adela Carrillo and Lisa Freeman-Wood.


**10. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:33 p.m.

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Approved: 7/13/22

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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Meeting of July 13, 2022 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Commissioners Cummins, Nava, and Speer were absent.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from April 13, 2022.

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A motion by Commissioner Gardner was seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Nava, and Speer absent).

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### 3. 2019-2020 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT CYCLE END OF YEAR REPORTS *(Chair McDaniel & Vice-Chair Ranalla)*

Chair McDaniel and Vice-Chair Ranalla provided a brief update and presented the draft report. The Commission discussed presenting a summary to the Council.

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A motion by Commissioner Ferguson was seconded by Commissioner Gardner to accept the 2019-2020 Arts & Culture Grant report and ask the committee to prepare a report for City Council that summarizes the past three grant cycle reports to be presented at the City Council Meeting on October 18, 2022. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Nava and Speer absent).

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### 4. 2022-2023 ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT CYCLE GUIDELINE REVIEW AND AD HOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Commission reviewed the Grant Guidelines and suggested some minor changes in addition to the updated deadlines. The consensus was that the applications will be reviewed by the full Commission to award grants and allocate funding.

### 5. FOLLOW UP ON UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM *(Commissioners Gardner & Nava)*

Commissioner Gardner suggested that rather than focus on utility boxes, the Commission should perhaps focus their attention on the traffic light control boxes which are owned by the city. She reported that the Arts & Culture Foundation would like to collaborate with the City on this project and they have applied for a grant to fund a middle school art contest and hope to turn the winning artwork into vinyl wraps for the boxes. She stated that while it provides a great opportunity for education and interaction to have the artists painting the boxes, it is much safer to have the vinyl wraps which are installed by professionals, rather than have artists painting in the traffic right of way. Commissioner Gardner stated the Arts & Culture Foundation should have a response to their application by the October Arts Commission meeting and would like to provide an update at that time.

**6. UPDATE ON MURAL COATING DONATION/COLLABORATION** (*Commissioners Ferguson & Gardner*)

Commissioner Ferguson reported that she has not had any success in finding sponsors for the project but decided to focus on an inventory of murals in the city and determining which murals need the coating and which ones already have the coating. Commissioner Gardner, Vice-Chair Ranalla and Chair McDaniel provided her with additional resources to assist in locating murals in Chico and documenting them.

**7. ACHIEVEMENT IN ARTS AWARD WINNER SELECTION & SELECTION OF THE TYPE OF AWARDS**

The Commissioners reviewed and discussed all of the nominations in each of the categories.

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A motion by Commissioner Gardner was seconded by Chair McDaniel to award the 2022 Outstanding Arts & Culture Organization or Business Award to Chico Art Center. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Nava and Speer absent).

A motion by Commissioner Gardner was seconded by Chair McDaniel to award the 2022 Outstanding Artist or Art Organization Leader Award to Jess Mercer with Butte County Art on Wheels. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Nava and Speer absent).

A motion by Commissioner Gardner was seconded by Vice-Chair Ranalla to award the 2022 Patron of the Arts Award to the Steele Family. The motion carried (4-0-3, Commissioners Cummins, Nava and Speer absent).

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**8. CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING POSSIBILITY DISCUSSION** – This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

**9. DISCUSSION REGARDING COLLABORATION WITH ARTS & CULTURE FOUNDATION IN ASSESSMENT & PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS FOR PUBLIC ART MAINTENANCE FUND** (*Commissioner Gardner*)

Commissioner Gardner asked to combine Items 9 and 10 regarding the Arts and Culture Foundation. She stated that with the reinstatement of the public art tours, the Foundation has discovered damage to the “Dancing Trout Fountain” and several of the COBA boards that are in Diamond Alley attached to the city owned parking structure. These two items were not on the maintenance priority list, as it is believed that the damage is more recent.

Commissioner Gardner reported on the current activities of the Foundation and said that they have recently applied for some grants that they hope to partner with the city on.

**10. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

Members of the public addressing the Commission were Lisa Freeman-Wood and Britta Goldman.


**10. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

The meeting was adjourned to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 6:24 p.m.

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Approved: 10/12/22

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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Special Meeting of September 14, 2022 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

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

### 2. REVIEW AND SELECTION OF ARTS AND CULTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Commission reviewed all the grant applications, selected recipients, and determined award amounts

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The Commission voted to award the following:

CSU Chico University Foundation	\$4,000.00
Chico Music Events	\$4,000.00
Inspire School of Arts & Sciences	\$5,000.00
Legacy Theatre Group	\$5,000.00
MONCA	\$4,400.00
Pedal Press	\$4,600.00
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Total Awarded	\$27,000.00

*"Chair McDaniel recused herself from the discussion and vote regarding MONCA."*

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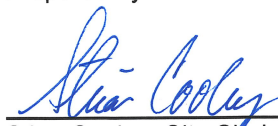
### 3. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

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Approved: 4/26/23

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## ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

**Meeting of October 12, 2022 – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair McDaniel called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. Commissioners Ranalla and Speer were absent.

### 2. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from June 13, 2022, and September 14, 2022 Special Meeting.

The draft minutes for the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were inadvertently not included in the agenda packet therefore they will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

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A motion by Commissioner Nava was seconded by Commissioner Gardner to approve the minutes for June 13, 2022, as presented. The motion carried (4-0-1-2, Commissioners Cummins Abstained, Ranalla, and Speer absent).

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### 3. FOLLOW UP ON UTILITY BOX IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM *(Commissioners Gardner & Nava)*

Commissioner Gardner reported that she had reached out to the City Public Works Director Erik Gustafson and that he seemed receptive to possible art beautification of the light control panels. She recommended that the Commission continue to pursue options to develop a program.

### 4. CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING POSSIBILITY DISCUSSION – This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

### 5. ARTS GRANTS REPORT TO COUNCIL – UPDATE *(Vice-Chair Ranalla & Chair McDaniel)*

Chair McDaniel provided a brief report, and the Commission will be notified when the presentation is scheduled.

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

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

### 7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None

### 8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

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Approved: 4/26/23

Prepared by:

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