

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - February 12, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on February 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch, Commissioners Brilts, Crawford, Nelson, and Roos. Absent: Commissioner Barrett and Growdon. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Barrett.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Roos.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2003 CALENDAR YEAR.

Pursuant to Section 1003.A of the City Charter, the Commission is required to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair annually. Nominations for Chair were opened. Commissioner **Brilts** nominated Commissioner Roos for Chair, the vote was seconded and unanimously approved. Commissioner Busch nominated Commissioner Growdon for Vice Chair, the vote was seconded and unanimously approved.

2003 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION.

This item was postponed to the March 2003 meeting when all Commissioners would be available to attend.

2003-04 BUDGET FOR COMMISSION OPERATIONS.

This item was also postponed to the March 2003 meeting when all Commissioners would be available to attend.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that she continues to work with the artists on the fountain art project and that she is also working with CARD on the teen art recycle project. She reported that she has an upcoming meeting with the Department of Public Works regarding the location of the downtown benches. She reported that the City Council has approved \$10,000 out of the General Fund to be used for a less restrictive public art fund matching program. She also reported that the Call for Artists on the Diamond Alley Tile Project was mailed and 18 persons attended the informational meeting. Two community members for the Diamond Alley Selection Panel names were drawn randomly and Kit Croucher and David O'Neill were selected.. She reported on the employee art show on display in the Muncipal Building through May.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - March 12, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on March 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Commissioners Busch, Barrett, Britts, Crawford, Growdon, and Nelson. Absent: None. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Growdon.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Nelson.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2003 CALENDAR YEAR

Because Chair Roos has moved outside of the Chico city limits, it is necessary to elect a new Chair for the Arts Commission. Nominations for Chair were opened. Commissioner Barrett nominated Commissioner Britts, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Stephanie Roos thanked the Commissioners for her time spent on the Commission and said goodbye.

Debra Lucero Austin presented the Commission with an update of the state of arts in California.

REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF THE ARTS BUTTE COUNTY FOR ARTS COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN FAMILY FUN DAY CELEBRATING ARTS AND CULTURE

Debra Lucero Austin was present to request that up to three Commissioners volunteer to judge an art contest as part of Chico Family Fun Day Celebrating Arts and Culture sponsored by CSU, Chico Recreation Department and Friends of the Arts Butte County. The event will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2003 from 10-3 at 20<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The contest is to design a t-shirt for the event. Commissioners Busch, Growdon, and Nelson volunteered to act as judges.

2003 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

The Planning Session included a brief introduction by each Commissioner; and a staff overview of the Commission's policies, procedures, responsibilities, duties and funding sources.

2003-04 BUDGET FOR COMMISSION OPERATIONS

Staff provided an update regarding budget matters and expenditures relating to the Commission, and discussed the proposed budget for the 2003-04 fiscal year. A copy of the 2002-03 budget page relating to the Commission was provided to each Commissioner and by consensus the budget was accepted.

CONSIDERATION OF DIAMOND ALLEY TILE ART PROJECT

#### SELECTION PANEL RECOMMENDATION.

Staff provided a report to the Commission regarding the artist selection process and the recommendation of artist team David Barta and Kathleen Nartuhi by the panel at its 3/3/03 meeting. A motion by Commissioner Barrett to accept the recommendation was seconded and unanimously approved.

#### REVIEW OF TOT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION PROCESS.

The Commission reviewed the TOT Funding recommendation process and agreed to conduct the two April funding recommendation meetings the same as last year. The Commission requested that at the August 2003 Commission meeting, the mini grant recipients funded in 2002-03 report on their projects and programs.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Outreach and Education Committee is asking for \$10,000 this year to be used toward a touring artist exhibit. They also recommended sponsoring a series of workshops for arts organizations on grant writing and fund raising.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on an American for the Arts conference to be held June 5 - 9 in Portland. A motion by Commissioner Nelson to direct staff to register two people for the conference was seconded and unanimously approved. Staff reported that replacing Commissioner Roos would most likely take place in May.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. to the April 2, 2003 funding meeting.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Adjourned Regular Meeting - April 2, 2003

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on April 2, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Busch, Barrett, Crawford, Growdon, and Nelson. Absent: None. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Crawford.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to eliminate Item 9, Committee Reports, from tonight's meeting was seconded and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes of 2/12/03 was seconded and unanimously approved. A motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve the minutes of 3/12/03 was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

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7:20 p.m., Chair Brilts excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

REVIEW OF MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2003-04 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the City Manger is recommending general funds available for community organizations be reduced proportionately by \$150,000 which would result in \$92,370 available to allocate in the arts category.

The Commission reviewed seven applications in the category of Mini-grants for Individual Artists. After discussion the Commission recommended the following:

Gregg Payne	\$ 2,000
Amaera Bay Laurel	\$ 1,500
Christine Jennings	\$ 1,000
Kay L. Shane	\$ 1,200
Marc Gabriel	\$ 500
Dana Meyers	\$ 0
Clairese Jauregui	<u>\$ 1,700</u>
	\$7,900

REVIEW OF ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTS PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2003-04 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

The Commission discussed the following applications with representatives from the applicable organization or program: Theatre on the Inside Out, Chico Children's Choir, University Art Gallery, Friends of the Arts, Right Now Foundation, Friends of the Chico Community Ballet, Chico Creek Theatre Festival, 1078 Gallery, and Chico Art Center. No representative from Ensemble Theatre was present to answer questions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. to Wednesday, April 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Adjourned Regular Meeting - April 16, 2003

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on April 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Busch, Barrett, Crawford, Growdon, and Nelson (one vacancy). City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and administrative Secretary Merkes.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Barrett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes of 4/2/03 was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Busch reported that the Arts In Public Places Committee discussed the following projects: \$20,000 for downtown benches; \$3,000 for Dylan Telleon to paint a portrait of former City Manager Fred Davis; and \$10,000 for the design of art treatments to be placed in the median strip on Forest Avenue.

The Commission requested that the Arts Outreach & Education Committee prepare a memo to the City Council in lieu of the annual joint Boards & Commission meeting, which will not be scheduled this year, outlining concerns that the Commission has regarding budget cuts for arts organizations.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE REVIEW OF THE ARTS MASTER PLAN

Commissioner Nelson requested that updated goals and a time line be established for the Master Plan. By consensus the Commission directed the Outreach & Education Committee to come up with a plan for how to implement the review process and bring it to the Commission in May. People who were involved in writing the first Master Plan will be invited to participate in the review process.

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7:20 p.m., Chair Brilts excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest as he is paid staff for an organization that is a fiscal receiver for a number of applying arts organizations.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2003-04 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

The primary purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide the Commission with an opportunity to discuss the applications from arts organizations for 2003-2004 fiscal year funding and to vote on recommendations for funding levels.

Applicants for funding were advised of this meeting in the event they wished to be in attendance. Since all applicants were given an opportunity to answer Commission questions at the 4/2/03 meeting, no additional information was to be accepted at the meeting unless the Commission had additional questions.

Funding recommendations from tonight's meeting will be included in the 2003-04 proposed Annual Budget for consideration by the City Council at the June 4, 2003 budget meeting.

After discussion the Commission arrived at the following funding recommendations:

Theatre on the Inside Out	\$ 5,000
Chico Children's Choir	5,310
University Art Gallery	1,800
Friends of the Arts	7,000
Right Now Foundation	<u>2,000</u>
Total for Emerging Organizations	\$ 21,110
Friends of the Chico Community Ballet	11,226
Chico Creek Theatre Festival	
	16,420
1078 Gallery	7,232
Ensemble Theatre	12,395
Chico Art Center	<u>16,080</u>
Total for Established Organizations	\$ 63,353
Total	\$ <b>84,463</b>

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to recommend the funding was seconded and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Barrett requested that next year the organizations be required to attend both meetings so questions can be asked. By consensus it was determined that this should be on the May agenda for discussion during the review of the T.O. T. funding process.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the new commissioner, Paul Friedlander, was appointed by City Council. She also reported that she has drafted the agreement for the City Public Art Fund Matching Program, that bids are going out for the East Avenue Expansion project which included an artist on the design team, that the fountain art project is to be installed by mid-May, and that COBA is getting ready to start their season.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Adjourned Regular Meeting - May 14, 2003

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on May 14, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Busch, Barrett, Crawford, Growdon, Friedlander and Nelson. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Growdon to approve the minutes of 4/16/03 was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ARTS COMMISSIONER

Chair Brilts introduced new Commissioner Paul Friedlander.

REVIEW OF THE T.O.T. ARTS FUNDING 2003-04 APPLICATION PROCESS

The Commission reviewed this year's Transient Occupancy Tax (T.O.T.) Arts Funding process and discussed changes in the application and the Commission's review process.

A motion by Commissioner Busch that it be mandatory for organizations to attend both April funding meetings, was seconded and unanimously approved.

By consensus, the Commission recommended that staff draft a memorandum to Council to include the recommendation for the mandatory meeting attendance and to recommend the following requirements: the application must be typed, a uniform font size and margin shall be established, the application must be filled out completely with questions answered thoroughly, an application will not be considered if the requirements are not followed and that newly applying organizations would be required to attend an information workshop.

Commissioners Barrett, Nelson and Crawford agreed to be on an ad hoc committee to represent the recommendation when it was considered by the Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Busch reported that the Arts in Public Places Committee discussed the downtown art bench project and reviewed the final design and criteria which would be sent out in the Call for Artists.



Commissioners Barrett and Nelson reported that the Arts Outreach and Education Committee discussed the status of the arts marketing campaign and a strategy for updating the Arts Master Plan which could include using a facilitator and involve past Commissioners.

#### STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that construction on the Fountain Art Project would begin the week of May 14. She was working on contracts with Chico Area Recreation District for the Teen Art Project and with Kiwanis for a mural at the observatory using the City Public Art Matching Funds. She also reported that both the Chico Open Board Art Project and the Diamond Alley Project were progressing. She encouraged Commissioners to attend the California Assembly of Local Arts Agencies yearly regional conference to be held in Chico on May 20, 2003

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Adjourned Regular Meeting - June 25, 2003

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on June 25, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Barrett. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut

ART MINUTE

Juri Brilts presented the Art Minute.

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7:08 p.m., Commissioner Kathy Barrett arrived.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that in accordance with City procedures, the agenda item pertaining to a discussion regarding a one percent set-aside for art in private developments should first be presented to the full Council, and recommended that the item be removed from the agenda. Nick Ambrosia would write a letter to the Council outlining the concept and request that Council refer the matter to the Arts Commission.

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve removing discussion regarding a one percent set-aside for art in private developments and approving the remainder of the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Growdon and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

DIAMOND ALLEY TILE ART PROJECT

Kathleen Nartuhi and David Barta, the artists selected to complete the Diamond Alley Tile Art Projects, reported on the progress of the project. The artists' presentation included: a video of the students creating tiles for the project taken at Emma Wilson School and tiles painted by the students, using the shape of a diamond and geometric designs, was displayed for the Commission. The artists stated that the project's anticipated completion date is August 1, 2003. An official dedication would be planned for the fall when the children were back in school.

The Commission requested that staff inform the Commission when the crane would be on site to erect the archway portions of the project.

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE AT THE "AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS" CONFERENCE

Commissioners Nelson and Crawford, both of whom attended the "Americans for the Arts" Annual Conference on June 5 - 9, 2003 in Portland, Oregon, provided reports

on their participation at the conference. Commissioner Nelson presented each Commissioner with a book focusing on different arts issues that she had purchased at the conference with the request that the books be passed among the Commissioners. Commissioner Crawford reported that the trend in public art seems to be focusing on temporary and performance based public art.

The Commission expressed an interest in pursuing the concept of encouraging street performances and noted that this might be their emphasis in the next few years.

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to investigate the possibility of developing a live performing arts in public places program was seconded by Commissioner Friedlander and unanimously approved. Commissioners Crawford, Friedlander and Nelson agreed to participate on an ad hoc committee to investigate such a program.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Busch reported on the Committee's interest in organizing a kick off event which would include poetry by children and adults during the month of October for National Arts and Humanities month.

The Outreach and Education Committee did not meet.

The ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Barrett, Crawford and Nelson appointed to review the Community Organization Funding Request Form for the Transient Occupancy Tax Revenues met and staff will incorporate their proposed recommendations for changes in a memorandum to the Council.

#### STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided a progress report on the Diamond Alley Project. She also reported that a bench would be added to the fountain project and that there were eight applications from local artists wanting to work with the mentor artist for the Youth Recycled Materials Art Project. A dedication of Wildwood Park was held on June 24, 2003.

The Commission requested that Alice Patterson of the Chamber of Commerce and Deborah Lucero Austin of the Friends of the Arts be asked to attend the August meeting to report on the Arts Marketing Campaign.

#### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - July 9, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on July 9, 2003 at 7:10 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Busch, Crawford and Nelson. Absent: Commissioners Barrett, Friedlander and Growdon. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut

ART MINUTE

Jennifer Spangler presented this evening's Art Minute, which was a presentation on the National Memorial in Oklahoma City.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Nelson.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Busch reported on a meeting of the Arts in Public Places Committee. The Committee is planning a reception, poetry reading, performance and the Mayor's Awards on October 4 to kick-off the Window Art Project that takes place annually during the month of October, which is National Arts and Humanities month.

The Outreach in Education Committee did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided a progress report on the Diamond Alley Project and noted that all of the tiles had been completed. Since there were in excess of 2000 tiles completed by students living in this community, it is anticipated that there will be substantial turnout for the dedication of this project. She also reported that the developer was going to build six sculpture pads in the flower planters in Diamond Alley which will be used for the sculpture loan program.

The Art Projects Coordinator also reported on the progress of the Fountain Art Project. She stated that a new page had been added to the City's web site which provides photographs of the demolition and construction of the fountain. A dedication ceremony is tentatively planned for the month of August.

The selection committee for the Luminary Art Benches Project would be meeting on August 17, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room No. 1 to select artists to complete five benches to be installed in downtown Chico.

### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Commission would like to implement a new agenda item entitled “Closing Remarks.” The intent would not be to address anything already discussed at the meeting, but would be a short comment from each of the Commissioners.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - August 13, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on August 13, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Britts and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE

Dr. Mark Tomita, Assistant Professor at California state University, Chico and author of "Life in Chico 2003", presented this evening's Art Minute.

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7:20 p.m. Commissioner Barrett arrived.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Vice Chair Growdon.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve the agenda was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Growdon to accept the May 14, 2003 minutes was seconded by Commissioner Busch and unanimously approved.

A motion by Commissioner Busch to accept the June 25, 2003 minutes was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and approved with Commissioner Barrett abstaining.

A motion by Commissioner Growdon to accept the July 9, 2003 minutes, as amended, was seconded by Commissioner Busch and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Nicholas Ambrosia, architect, noted that the Chico Unified School District is getting ready to start the new high school. He suggested exploring the concept that the City Arts Commission or the Arts in Public Places Committee request to meet with the District's Board of Trustees to consider art in public places on the new campus. Mr. Ambrosia said it would be an asset if 1% of the District's overall budget for capital improvements could be set aside for public art at the new high school. He said the Arts Commission or Arts in Public Places Committee could also work with the Board and its architect to suggest locations where professional art could be permanently displayed, and to suggest locations where student art could be displayed as well.

## REPORT ON ARTS MARKETING CAMPAIGN

Alice Patterson from the Chico Chamber of Commerce reported on the progress of the campaign to date. She distributed promotional materials that have been developed as part of the campaign.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Barrett as to whether the budget could be revised to accommodate some other areas of marketing, staff suggested that the budget could be reviewed at an upcoming meeting of the Outreach and Education Committee. By consensus, the Commission directed the Committee to discuss this item.

## DISCUSSION REGARDING A ONE PERCENT SET-ASIDE FOR ART IN PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner advised that at its 7/15/03 meeting the City Council received a letter dated 6/27/03 from Nicholas Ambrosia regarding implementation of this type of policy and referred the matter to the Commission. She stated that only a voluntary program was in place at the present time.

Nicholas Ambrosia reported to the Commission how this type of program had been implemented throughout the country to provide public art projects in private development.

A motion by Commissioner Barrett to convene an ad hoc committee to look into the feasibility of a 1% set aside for public art by private development was second by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously approved. The ad hoc committee will consist of Commissioners Barrett, Nelson and Crawford.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Outreach in Education Committee met and discussed an update of the master plan. A preliminary report will be provided to the Commission at its September meeting, with more formal discussion at the October meeting.

A report from the Arts in Public Places Committee will be provided at the September meeting.

## STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator reported on the status of the Fountain Art Project and that the dedication will be held September 11, 2003.

She reported that the five artists had been selected by the Selection Committee to build the five Luminary Art Benches Project.

The Art Projects Coordinator reported that because of extreme heat, installation of the tiles for the Diamond Alley Project is delayed until the end of September.

## Reports and Communications.

None.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - September 10, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Britts and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioners Barrett. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Friedlander.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Vice Chair Growdon.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

After correcting the numbering of agenda items 8-15, the agenda was accepted as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes will be amended and placed on the October agenda for approval.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Greg Payne announced that September 11 and 12 were the last days to vote for the COBA boards.

YOUTH RECYCLED ART PROJECT

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reminded the Commission that this project was funded as part of the 2002-03 Capital Projects budget and that Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) was retained to manage the project.

Jenny Hale, artist for the Youth Recycled Art Project, and Mary Cahill, General Manager of CARD, provided the Commission with a report on the progress of the project. A video presentation documenting the project to date was shown to the Commission. Mary Cahill noted that NorCal Solid Waste had donated \$5,000 towards this project and that community art workshops would be held on October 18-19, 2003 and on November 1-2, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 20<sup>th</sup> Street Park. The anticipated project completion date is 12/15/03.

TOT MINI GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUAL ARTISTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that in the Fiscal Year 2002-03, the Arts Commission set aside funding in the form of mini-grants for individual artists in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per artist. Recipients of the 2002-03 Mini Grants for Individual Artists (Amaera Bay Laurel, Greg Payne and David Sisk) reported on their completed projects that were funded with TOT arts funding. Staff stated that the fourth recipient, John Staple, was not able to make a presentation because he has moved.

REVISED FUNDING REQUEST FROM THE RIGHT NOW FOUNDATION (TOT  
ARTS FUNDING FY 03-04)

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the City Manager's office reviewed the request from Right Now Foundation by letter dated 7/31/03 to shift \$2,000 allocated for a lighting system to the Music Revolution Concerts in the Park Project. The Council has a policy not to fund out of cycle requests; therefore, the City Manager is not recommending approval of the change in the application.

DNA, Artistic Director of the Right Now Foundation advised the Commission that he was working with the owner of the building to purchase the Senator Theatre, but in the interim he was requesting permission to move funding previously allocated for the Theatre to a different program that was part of the same non-profit organization.

After discussion, Commissioner Nelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Growdon and unanimously carried with Commissioner Barrett being absent, to deny the request to transfer \$2,000 from the lighting project at the Senator Theatre to the Music Revolution Concert in the Project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Education Committee: Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee met to review the Arts Master Plan and that it would be meeting with past commissioners to review past recommendations, accomplishments and on-going goals. The Committee wants to set up a five year plan to carry out existing goals or establish new goals. A presentation will be made to the Arts Commission at its January meeting.

Arts in Public Places Committee: Commissioner Busch reported on the 2003 Window Art Project. A kick-off event will be held on October 4 at 12:00 noon at the City Municipal Building East Plaza by "The Hands".

1% Set Aside for Art in Private Developments Ad Hoc Committee: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on the Committee's first meeting which was primarily for the purpose of discussing strategy. Additional meetings have been set for October 2 and 16.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Project Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments. Diamond Alley will be installed the first week in October. The Dedication of the Trout Fountain is scheduled for September 11 at 5:00 p.m. She reported that the City had received numerous suggestions to consider using wood from the trees recently cut down in Plaza Park for a public art project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - October 8, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on October 8, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Britts and Commissioners Barrett, Busch, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Crawford. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE

The Art Minute was presented by Art Projects Coordinator Mary Gardner.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to approve the August 13, 2003 minutes was seconded by Commissioner Busch and unanimously approved, with Commissioner Crawford being absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

The Art Projects Coordinator advised the Commission that selection of recipients of the 2003 Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts would be conducted using guidelines previously established by the Commission. The Mayor's Awards were established in memory of former Arts Commission member Joseph Kaveney for individuals, businesses and/or non-profit organizations that have made significant contributions to art in the Chico community. The awards, presided by Mayor Kirk, would be presented on October 30 in the Chico Municipal Center.

Commissioners made the following nominations for consideration: Barbara Edmonson; Dovetail Design; the owners of Black Crow and Raw Bar; Chico Paper; Chico Cabaret; Dave and Jana Lawton; Deborah Austin; Friends of the Arts; and the Fine Arts Professionals and Chico Performances. After discussion it was determined that the awards should be presented to Debra Austin and Friends of the Arts; Chico Performances and the Fine Arts Specialists.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Commissioner Barrett reported that after meeting with Alice Patterson from the Chico Chamber of Commerce, Outreach and Education Committee is proposing revisions to the Arts Marketing Campaign budget and contract. The Committee is recommending that the Commission approve a shift of \$6,000 budgeted for

postage into the advertising category. This would include \$500 for a local arts tour targeting the City Council, the Arts Commission, and Chico Chamber of Commerce staff; \$1,000 for additional Sunset Trade Show expenses; and \$3,500 to take advantage of marketing opportunities that may occur during the year. The budget for the three year Arts Marketing Campaign is \$161,000. Staff advised the Commission that the shift would have to be reviewed by the City Manager and the City Council before an amendment to the contract would be approved.

A motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the Committee's recommendation was seconded and unanimously approved with Commissioner Crawford being absent.

Commissioner Busch reported that Arts in Public Places Committee is working on a list of capital art projects to be recommended for consideration. The Committee would like to see the Arts Commission work with Butte College on displaying public art at their new building.

#### STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator reported on the status of the Luminary Art Benches, and the East Avenue Sound Wall.

She also reported that the City has received a request from Chico Velo to match funds for a mural to be painted on a concrete block wall located on the Midway Bikepath. Chico Velo will hire Mabrie Ormes and Scott Teeple for the project which will celebrate the annual Wildflower Century bike event.

The Art Projects Coordinator reported that the San Jose Arts Commission is offering a workshop on Oct. 25, 2003 to assist regional and local artists develop a public art projects.

#### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Brilts read a proclamation he received from Mayor Maureen Kirk at last evening's Council meeting proclaiming October, 2003 as Arts and Humanities month.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

#### CLOSING REMARKS

ARTS COMMISSION  
Regular Meeting - December 10, 2003

The Arts Commission met in regular session on December 10 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Britts and Commissioners Barrett, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Barrett and Art Projects Coordinator Gardner who displayed a video of recently completed art projects, including the Trout Fountain and Diamond Alley. Pictures of the Midway Mural were also provided.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Friedlander.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Growdon to approve the minutes of September 10, 2003, was approved with Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander abstaining as they were absent from the meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Chair Britts acknowledged students from a local government class who were present in the audience.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioner Barrett reported that the Committee met December 9, 2003 and discussed the arts marketing campaign. A tour of all public art works is being planned for the Chamber of Commerce staff, Arts Commissioners, and City Council.

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee is recommending a planning session to discuss the art master plan - goals, policies, and objectives with a five year implementation plan to carry out existing goals or establish new goals. By consensus, the Commission agreed that the Committee will present more details at the January meeting.

Arts in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee met and continued discussing their recommendations for 2004-05 Capital Projects which they will present at the January Commission meeting. The Committee reviewed 2003 Arts and Humanities Month and came to the conclusion that they need to start organizing the 2004 event earlier this year if they want to include a kickoff event.

1% Set Aside for Art in Private Developments Committee.  
The Committee did not meet.

#### STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments. Diamond Alley will be dedicated in January. The Recycled Art Project will be installed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of December. The most recent City Public Art Fund Matching Project (Michael Bishop sculpture) was installed on the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Wall in front of the James Snidle Fine Arts Gallery. The art works of Mabrie Ormes will be displayed in the City Municipal Center Building beginning Friday, December 12, 2003.

#### REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

#### CLOSING REMARKS