

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - January 14, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on January 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Brilts and Commissioners Barrett, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Busch. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE.

Commissioner Growdon introduced Susan Wooldrich, local poet and author of "Walking with Ants" who presented this evening's Art Minute.

REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that at the first meeting of each calendar year, the Council's various Boards and Commissions elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2004.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner opened nominations for the position of Chair for the year 2004. A motion by Commissioner Growdon to nominate Commissioner Barrett was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair. A motion by Commissioner Barrett to nominate Commissioner Growdon was seconded by Commissioner Crawford. A motion by Commissioner Brilts to nominate Commissioner Nelson failed for lack of a second.

The motion by Commissioner Barrett to nominate Commissioner Growdon as Vice Chair, was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

MISSION STATEMENT.

The mission statement was read by Commissioner Nelson.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA.

The agenda was approved as written.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A motion by Commissioner Brilts to approve the October 8, 2003 minutes was seconded by Commissioner Growdon and unanimously approved, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

None.

FY 2004-05 BUDGET FOR COMMISSION OPERATIONS.

The Commission was provided with a copy of the FY 2003-04 budget page. Art

Projects Coordinator Gardner provided an update regarding budget matters and expenditures relating to the Commission and discussed a proposed budget for the FY 2004-05 fiscal year. She reported that the City Manager is requiring that all departments make significant reductions in their budgets for the remainder of the current fiscal year and for FY 2004-05.

After discussion, a motion by Chair Barrett to approve using some of the currently allocated funds for a more professional public art brochure was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

Following Commission discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a consultant to assist developing a recommendation for the Percent for Art in Private Development, a motion by Commissioner Friedlander to approve the FY 2004-05 budget with an additional \$500.00 for professional services was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOPICS, FORMAT, AND DATE OF A COMMISSION WORK SESSION REGARDING THE ARTS MASTER PLAN.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that at its 12/10/03 meeting, the Commission requested that this item be placed on this evening's agenda to develop the topics and format for an Arts Master Plan review work session and set a meeting date.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner advised the Commission that any revisions in the Master Plan, would have to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

After discussion, by consensus, the Commission requested that Art Projects Coordinator Gardner review the goals of the Master Plan and assign the appropriate goals to each of the four committees for review and recommendations for revision. The Committees will report their recommendations at the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Outreach and Education Committee. Chair Barrett reported that the meeting was attended by Alice Patterson from the Chamber of Commerce who updated them on the Arts Marketing Plan. She reported that ChicoArt.com website is receiving approximately 500 inquiries per day and she distributed copy of the current edition of Skywest Magazine which contains an article about the arts in Chico.

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee also discussed ways to support arts organizations through the current budget crisis. The Committee would like the Commission to consider organizing a seminar to help organizations with fundraising and marketing. By consensus it was decided that this item be placed on a future agenda.

Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Growdon reported that the Committee discussed capital projects for FY 2004-05. The Committee is recommending allocating \$30,000 from the RDA Art Fund 380 to complete the Forest Avenue Median Art Project which will be designed this spring with the funds allocated in last year's Capital budget. Secondly the Committee is recommending \$30,000 from RDA Art Fund 382 for an inter-active public art project for children in Oak Way Park

near Emma Wilson School.

A motion by Commissioner Crawford to accept the recommendations of the Arts in Public Places Committee was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously carried, with Commissioner Busch being absent.

One Percent for Art in Private Development (Ad Hoc Committee).

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee reviewed the King County Public Art Program report on Public Art and Private Development. The Committee is dividing up the case studies and will get further information directly from each of cities in the report. The Committee also reviewed the nexus study that was conducted by Jennifer Spangler for the City of Long Beach. They plan to investigate the cost for a similar study for Chico.

Public Performances (Ad Hoc Committee). This committee did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS.

The Art Project Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments. Ancestor Gates, the youth recycled materials art project at 20th Street Community Park, was installed last week. She also provided an update on the East Avenue sound wall and the Midway Mural. The City has received clearance from CalTrans for the Highway 99 abutment mural and the Ceres Bridge.

Commissioner Growdon requested that information plaques be placed near each of the four Ancestor Gates which would provide a more detailed explanation of the community process that contributed to the design.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - February 11, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on February 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett, Commissioners Busch, Brilts, Crawford, and Friedlander. Absent: Commissioner Nelson and Growdon. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Busch.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Art Projects Coordinator Gardner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

A motion by Commissioner Brilts to approve the December 10, 2003 minutes was seconded by Commissioner Friedlander and unanimously approved, with Commissioners Nelson and Growdon being absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

Gregg Payne updated the Commission on his current art projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee reviewed the 2003 Window Art Project and ways to improve the event for 2004. It was decided to include a kick-off event and to divide the responsibilities among Committee members.

Outreach and Education Committee. Chair Brilts reported that the Committee discussed the review of the Art Master Plan and that the goals of the plan would be divided up among the committees for comment and then reviewed with the full Commission at its March meeting. The Committee also continued discussing the planning of a seminar for arts organizations with a focus on marketing, fundraising and grant writing. A motion by Chair Barrett to direct Art Projects Coordinator Gardner to begin organizing a workshop in June for TOT funded arts organizations was seconded by Commissioner Busch and unanimously approved, with Commissioners Nelson and Growdon being absent.

One Percent for Art in Private Development (Ad Hoc Committee). This committee did not meet.

Public Performances (Ad Hoc Committee). This committee did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the reception for artist Mabrie Ormes is on February 19, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center Building and that the dedication for the Diamond Alley Tile Project is on Saturday February 21 at 3:00 p.m.. The orientation for the TOT Funding applications took place on February 10, 2004. She is processing three Public Art Fund Matching projects and is working on the partnership between the City and Sacramento River Preservation to coordinate the

installation of mosaics of native fish species fabricated by Pleasant Valley High School students to be installed in the sidewalk next to the Marigold Sound Wall on East Avenue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - March 10, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on March 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

ART MINUTE

There was no art minute at this evening's meeting.

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 Brilts, seconded by Commissioner Growdon, to approve the minutes of January 14, 2004, was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

BIDWELL PARK CENTENNIAL.

Tom Barrett from the Bidwell Park Centennial Committee updated the Commission on the plans for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Bidwell Park which will include a photo contest, a centennial calendar, "coffee-table" book, poetry contest, short story contest and park art exhibits and shows.

Chair Barrett asked if it would be helpful if a member of the Arts Commission sat on the Bidwell Park Centennial Committee. Commissioner Brilts volunteered to be the representative.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Education Committee. Commissioner Brilts reported that the Committee met yesterday and reviewed the Art Master Plan. The Committee preferred to focus on existing goals rather than adding new goals. Commissioner Nelson will be reviewing the Master Plan goals and summarizing it for the Commission.

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee discussed promoting Chico's art community with a signature art event and that it is important to work more closely with the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) to increase the profile of the downtown as a year-round festive, cultural destination.

Chair Barrett reported that a half-day seminar, with a focus on promotions and fundraising for arts organizations that are funded with TOT Funds, has been tentatively scheduled for the month of June.

Chair Barrett reported that the Committee suggested that the Commission review, in

January of each year, the responsibilities, structure, goals and membership of the two standing committees and make shifts in the work program and committee make-up as appropriate. By consensus the Commission agreed.

Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee is working on the October 2004 National Arts and Humanities Month. There will be a “kick off event” at Diamond Alley where the Mayor’s Awards for Achievement in the Arts will be presented. The event will include the distribution of a walking tour of the Window Art Project, a poetry reading and possibly a musical performance.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee also discussed the viability of obtaining an intern who could help with data processing and inputting art information onto the website to make it more user friendly. Commissioner Britts suggested that Arts Project Coordinator Gardner contact the Business Marketing or Management Information Systems Department at California State University, Chico.

1% Set Aside for Art in Private Developments Committee (Ad Hoc Committee). Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee met with local architect, Steve Gonzalves of Nichols, Melburg and Rosetto to begin the process of reaching out to the development community for input and eventual support of the policy. They discussed the need for a nexus study which is a considerable undertaking and would require funding. The Committee recognizes the need for a well thought out plan before taking the request for funding a study to the City Council.

Public Performance Committee (Ad Hoc Committee). Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee discussed the importance of marketing the plethora of local arts to local people. They also discussed the concept of organizing a fall and a spring arts showcase. The Committee recognizes that these ideas might be more appropriate for the Outreach and Education Committee. Commissioners Nelson and Crawford reported that they are still committed to the original scope of the Committee which is to increase outdoor performance activity in Chico.

Chair Barrett suggested that it would be best for the full Commission to review the matter. By consensus, the Commission requested that this item be placed on the agenda for the April 14, 2004 meeting for further discussion.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Commissioner Nelson to adjourn this evening’s meeting to April 7, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. to review funding applications was seconded by Commissioner Busch and unanimously adopted. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - April 7, 2004

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on April 7, 2004 at 7:05 p.m. in Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, and Nelson. Absent: Commissioners Britts and Growdon. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was not read.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes of 2/11/04 was seconded and unanimously approved. A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve, after eliminating the word "artsy," the minutes of 3/10/04 was seconded and unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

7:24 p.m., Commissioner Friedlander excused himself from the meeting due to conflict of interest.

REVIEW OF MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-05 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the City Manger is recommending that \$50,000 from the general fund be made available for community arts organizations. She also reminded the Commission that the funding eligibility criteria for arts organizations states that publically funded educational institutions are ineligible for funding. Included in this year's group of applicants is an application from the CSU Chico Music Department.

After Commission discussion, a motion by Commissioner Nelson to remove the Music Department application from consideration was seconded and unanimously approved with Commissioner Friedlander being excused from the meeting and Commissioners Britts and Growdon being absent.

7:45 p.m. Commissioner Friedlander rejoined the meeting.

The Commission reviewed one application from Chris Jennings in the category of Mini-grants for Individual Artists.

REVIEW OF ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTS PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-05 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

The Commission discussed the following applications with representatives from the applicable organization or program: 1078 Gallery, Blue Room Theatre, Chico Art Center,

Children's Choir of Chico, Ensemble Theatre, Friends of the Arts, Friends of the Chico Community Ballet, and North State Symphony.

The Commission discussed how to proceed with their recommendations in light of the City Manager's recommendation for reduced funding. By consensus, the Commission decided to come to the April 14, 2004 meeting prepared with two sets of recommendations, one based on the City Manager's recommendation and one based on last year's available funding. They also determined that the categories for Emerging Organizations and Established Organizations would remain in place and that the mini grant application would be included in the Emerging Organization category.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m. to Wednesday, April 14, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - April 14, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on April 14, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, and Administrative Analyst Ehrmantraut.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 7, 2004 will be brought back for approval on the May 12, 2004 agenda.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Education Committee. No report because the Committee did not meet. Commissioner Brilts requested that Commissioner Friedlander replace him on the Committee and, by consensus, the Commission agreed.

Arts in Public Places Committee. Commissioners Busch and Crawford reported that the Committee is continuing the discussion regarding the Window Art Project and Arts & Humanities Month. They discussed recruiting an intern to help with the artist directory database and updating the web site. The Committee also discussed how to go about increasing public performances in the downtown. They will invite a representative from the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) to the next Committee meeting because the organization includes public performances in most of their events.

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison. Commissioner Brilts reported that the Committee will be meeting on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. Commissioner Brilts will be attending on behalf of the Arts Commission.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLICATIONS FOR 2004-05 FISCAL YEAR ARTS FUNDING.

The primary purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide the Commission with an opportunity to discuss the applications from arts organizations for the 2004-2005 fiscal year funding and to vote on recommendations for funding levels.

Applicants for funding had been advised of this evening's meeting in the event they wished to be in attendance. Since all applicants were given an opportunity to

answer Commission questions at the 4/7/04 meeting, no additional information would be accepted at the meeting unless the Commission had additional questions.

Funding recommendations from tonight's meeting will be included in the 2004-05 proposed Annual Budget for consideration by the City Council at the June 8, 2004 budget meeting.

Commissioner Brilts removed himself from the meeting due to a conflict of interest.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the City Manager is increasing his recommendation of available funding from \$50,000 to \$70,000. Additionally, he is recommending that no new organizations be funded this year.

The Commission discussed the need for review of the criteria for the Individual Artist mini-grant program. By consensus, it was agreed, that this item be placed on the agenda for the May meeting.

After discussion, the Commission arrived at the following funding recommendations:

1078 Gallery	\$7,232
Blue Room	\$16,000
Chico Art Center	\$16,000
Chico Children's Choir	\$5,464
CSUC Music Dept	\$-0-
Ensemble Theatre	\$12,000
Friends of the Chico Community Ballet	\$11,200
North State Symphony	\$-0-
Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation	\$7,000
(Friends of the Arts)	
Christine Jennings	\$-0-
Total	\$74,896

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

Commissioner Brilts returned to the meeting.

Chair Barrett reported that the City Manager is recommending zero in the 2004-05 Tourism/Economic Development funding category for the Chico Chamber of Commerce and instead that the \$55,000 currently allocated for the third year of the Arts Marketing Campaign be reallocated to fund the Chamber. A motion by Commissioner Nelson that the Outreach in Education Committee prepare a letter, to be presented at the Council's June budget meeting, stating that the Commission supports funding the third year of the Marketing Campaign, was seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION REGARDING A LOCAL ARTS
SHOWCASE.

The Commission discussed the concept of organizing a local arts showcase or festival to increase Chico's draw as a tourist destination. It was suggested that it be linked to an existing successful event such as Open Studios Tour or Taste of Chico and that eventually it could be a fall and spring event. Commissioner Friedlander suggested that the all the organizations be involved in the planning from the very beginning. By consensus, it was decided that the Outreach and Education Committee would discuss the matter and report back to the Commission.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments. Three of the art benches are under construction and Gregg Payne finished the Highway 99 abutments murals in lower park. The artists for the Midway Bikepath Mural will be available on site to answer questions during the Wildflower Century Bike event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - May 12, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on May 12, 2004, at 7:05 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, 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 Nelson. Artist Dayton Claudio presented slides of his public art projects located throughout the United States.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Growdon.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Growdon, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to accept the agenda as submitted was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Busch reported an error in the minutes of April 14, 2004. They should read as follows: "Commissioners Busch and Crawford reported that the Committee is continuing the discussion regarding the Window Art Project and Arts & Humanities Month. They also discussed recruiting an intern to help with the artist directory database and updating the web site." A motion by Commissioner Brilts, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve the minutes of April 7, 2004 and April 14, 2004, as amended was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

REVIEW OF THE T.O.T. INDIVIDUAL ARTIST MINI GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION PROCESS

The Commission discussed the mini grant funding application process. After discussion, and by consensus, the Commission decided that no changes were necessary in the application process. The Commission discussed that the lack of Individual Artist Mini Grant applications for FY 2004-05 was likely due to the fact that no advertisements had been placed in the local media following the City Manager's recommendation to Council that no new applications be funded in FY 2004-05. By consensus, the Commission requested that in the future, if staff is directed to do something that is in conflict with established Art Commission policies, the Art Projects Coordinator will discuss the matter with the Chairperson who will then decide if a special Commission meeting is warranted.

The Commission also requested that someone from the City Attorney's office attend a future meeting to provide a review of the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee is organizing a summit as phase one in the planning process of a signature 2005 arts festival promoting Chico as an arts and culture destination. The goals of the summit, which will take place on October 18, 2004, are to name the event, to create an organizational timeline and budget, and to appoint an advisory committee. Individual Commissioners will act as liaisons with key interest groups to ensure broad participation in the summit.

Arts in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported on the Committee's meeting. Becky Watner from the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) discussed how the DCBA coordinates public performances during downtown events. The Committee is interested in increasing public performances as a cultural amenity. Debra Lucero, Director of Friends of the Arts will attend the next Committee meeting to discuss that organization's database and the possibility of sharing it with the Commission.

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison.

Commissioner Brilts reported on the Committee's meeting. The Committee has scheduled two key events for the Centennial celebration, the re-enactment of Annie Bidwell deeding the Bidwell Park to the City on July 10, 2005 and a community picnic and baseball game at One-Mile Recreation Area on July 23, 2005. The Committee is also discussing organizing a Plein Air art competition which was described to the Commission by Committee member Gayle Womack.

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.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Included in the agenda packet are copies of two letters sent to the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission complimenting the recently completed mural, painted by Gregg Payne, on the Highway 99 abutments in lower Bidwell Park. Also included with the agenda is a performance schedule and a revised schedule for Theatre On the Inside Out.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. to June 16 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - June 16, 2004

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on June 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Vice Chair Growdon and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, and Friedlander. Absent: Commissioners Barrett and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Friedlander.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Brilts.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Brilts, seconded by Commissioner Friedlander, to accept the agenda as submitted was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to approve the minutes of May 12, 2004 was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Gregg Payne reported on the progress of his 03-04 Mini Grant project.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND BROWN ACT

Assistant City Attorney Lori Barker reviewed the specifics of the Conflict of Interest Laws and Brown Act laws as they apply to Commissioners.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee met with Alice Patterson from the Chico Chamber of Commerce and Debra Lucero from Friends of the Arts, who reported on the Arts Marketing Campaign, specifically about the Sunset Magazine Trade Show where they represented Chico for the second year.

He also reported that the Committee will continue to work on the Arts Summit scheduled for October, 2004.

Arts in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Growdon reported that the Committee met with Debra Lucero from Friends of the Arts to discuss the potential of sharing an arts database. It was agreed to pursue the arrangement.

She also reported that the Committee is continuing to work on the 2004 Window Art Project.

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison.

Commissioner Brilts reported on the Committee's meeting. Avenue 9 Gallery will be presenting a proposal for a Plein Air art competition.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Debra Lucero from Friends of the Arts reported via email on the 12th Annual Annies Arts Awards taking place on June 27, 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - July 14, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on July 14, 2004, at 7:05 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, and Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Growdon. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Brilts.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus the Commission accepted the agenda as submitted.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Artists Chase Moreau and Gregg Payne reported that they are working on future proposals for additional art works on bridge and overpass abutments.

CONSIDERATION OF GREGG PAYNE'S REQUEST TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE FY 03-04 MINI GRANT PROJECT

Commissioner Brilts recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Management Analyst Cris Carroll and Park Director Dennis Beardsley were present to answer questions in regards to Mr. Payne's request. Staff reported that they were not recommending an extension. The Commission discussed the project and then a motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Crawford, to deny the request for an extension was approved 5 to 1 with Commissioner Friedlander voting no and Commissioner Brilts abstaining. A motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Friedlander, to request that Mr. Payne re-submit a proposal for a public art project to be included as a recommended Capital Project FY 05-06, which proposal should include an engineered design, alternative locations, a budget, and a sound study, was unanimously approved with Commissioner Brilts abstaining.

Commissioner Brilts rejoined the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach in Education Committee.

The Committee did not meet.

Arts in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee continues to work on the 2004 Window Art Project and the Kick-Off event on October 2, 2004 which will include the Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts. The Commission will make nominations for the awards at its August meeting.

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison.

Commissioner Brilts reported on the proposal for a Plein Air art competition that Avenue 9 Gallery is developing.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

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

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - August 11, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on August 11, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Growdon and Nelson. Absent: Commissioner Friedlander. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Barrett

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Nelson.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Busch, seconded by Commissioner Growdon to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimously approved with Commissioner Friedlander being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch, seconded by Commissioner Brilts to approve the minutes of June 16, 2004 and July 14, 2004, was unanimously approved with Commissioner Friedlander being absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Using the guidelines previously approved by the City Council, the Commission discussed its nominees for the Mayor's awards. By consensus the Commission awarded the Blue Room Theatre in the non-profit category, Vagabond Rose Gallery in the business category, and Dayton Claudio in the individual category.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison.

Commissioner Brilts reported the progress of the plans for the Centennial celebration and handed out a list of events including the Plein Aire painting event that will be organized by Avenue 9 Gallery.

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioners Barrett and Nelson reported that the Committee met and discussed the arts summit meeting to be held in mid - November. The meeting will be held to plan the signature arts event to be held in 2005. A list of potential summit participants/stakeholders was drawn up who will be contacted for input as

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - September 8, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on September 8, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Growdon, Friedlander and Nelson. Absent: None. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Growdon

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Chair Barrett

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Busch, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the agenda as submitted, was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Growdon, seconded by Commissioner Brilts to approve the minutes of August 11, 2004 and July 14, 2004, was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Daniel Donnelly, President of the Chico Art Center (CAC) updated the Commission on current events at the CAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bidwell Park Centennial Committee Liaison.

Commissioner Brilts reported on the progress of the plans for the Centennial celebration and requested that the Commission consider sponsoring an art competition using wood from the original Hooker Oak tree formerly located in Hooker Oak Park. By consensus, the Commission requested that the item be placed on the October agenda.

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee continues to work on the Art Event Planning Meeting to be held November 15, 2004 in the Council Chamber. A "save-the date" email will be sent out soon to potential participants and stakeholders in a cultural arts festival tentatively scheduled for Fall 2005.

Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that at its meeting, the Committee finalized the details of the 2004 Window Art Project and the National Arts & Humanities Month Kick-Off event to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Diamond Alley.

The event will include the presentation of the Mayor's Award for Achievement in the Arts.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - October 13, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on October 13 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Britts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Busch.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Britts.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Growdon, seconded by Commissioner Nelson, to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Britts, seconded by Commissioner Growdon to approve the minutes of September 8, 2004, was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Artist Gregg Payne updated the Commission on his meeting with the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission's Art Committee in regard to his windchime project. He also discussed the mural he is coordinating with Rory Rottchaulk that will be painted on a wall located along the railroad tracks at the intersection of West Sacramento and Cedar streets.

Daniel Donnelly, President of the Chico Art Center (CAC) updated the Commission on current events at the CAC.

DISCUSSION REGARDING A WOOD SCULPTURE COMPETITION USING THE HOOKER OAK TREE

At its 9/8/04 meeting the Commission requested this item be placed on tonight's agenda. After discussion and by consensus, the Commission directed the Art in Public Places Committee to review the concept and return to the Commission with more details regarding theme, cost, possible locations, and artist selection.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Nelson reported that the Committee met and continued its discussion regarding the Art Event Planning Meeting to be held November 15, 2004. An invitation will be mailed the last week in October.

Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee met and reviewed the outcome of the Kick-Off Event for National Arts and Humanities Month held on October 2, 2004. The Committee also began its discussion regarding 2005-06 Capital Art Projects.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - November 10, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on November 10, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Britts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon, and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Crawford.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Artist Gregg Payne reported on the completion of an aerosol art mural located where the railroad tracks cross West Sacramento Avenue.

Daniel Donnelly, President of the Chico Art Center (CAC), updated the Commission on current events at the CAC.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee was ready and looking forward to the Art Event Planning Meeting to be held November 15, 2004 in the Council Chamber Building, Conference Room # 1.

Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioners Busch and Crawford presented the draft recommended 2005-06 Capital Art Projects. The Committee will present its final recommendations at the Commission's December 8, 2004 meeting. At that meeting the Commission will approve a final recommendation that will be forwarded as part of the 2005-06 Budget for Council approval.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - December 8, 2004

The Arts Commission met in regular session on December 8, 2004, at 7:07 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Brilts, Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Growdon and Nelson. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Nelson

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Growdon

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Brilts to approve the agenda as submitted was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Growdon, seconded by Commissioner Nelson to approve the minutes of October 10, 2004 and November 10, 2004 was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Daniel Donnelly, President of the Chico Art Center (CAC) updated the Commission on current events at the CAC.

Artist Gregg Payne encouraged the Commission to consider supporting an aerosol art gallery in the future.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CHICO OPEN BOARD ART PROJECT (COBA).

At its 11/10/04 meeting the Commission requested discussion regarding the Chico Open Board Art Project (COBA). Representatives from the Chico Art Center, which coordinates the event, reported that they are proposing a number of changes to the program that will increase the revenue potential. They will be presenting these changes to Council January 2005.

2005-06 CAPITAL ART PROJECTS.

The Commission reviewed the Art in Public Places Committee recommendations for 2005-06 Capital Art Projects. A motion by Commissioner Friedlander to approve the Committee's recommendations of \$18,000 for art benches and \$25,000 for COBA, and, to additionally approve a recommendation of \$16,000 for the proposal for the Wind Chimes Project submitted by Gregg Payne, was seconded by Commissioner Nelson and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Outreach in Education Committee.

Commissioners Friedlander and Nelson reported that the Committee discussed the results of the 2005 arts festival/showcase planning meeting that took place on 11/15/04 and discussed the strategy for implementing the fall 2005 event.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee discussed its recommendations for 2005-06 Capital Art Projects and the Oakway Park Art Project.

Bidwell Park Centennial Celebration Committee.

Commissioner Brilts reported that the Committee is developing a master calendar of events and that the Chico Art Center is producing a publication.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

to the nature of the 2005 event and invited to the summit.

Art in Public Places Committee

Commissioner Busch reported that at its meeting, the Committee worked primarily on the list of businesses and artists who are participating in the 2004 Window Art Project. The goal is to have the final list of participants at the September Committee meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

The Art Projects Coordinator provided an update on pending projects and assignments.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR