

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - January 11, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on January 11, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett, Commissioners Crawford, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: Vice-Chair Friedlander, Commissioners Busch. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Lindsay.

REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION

Pursuant to Section 1003.A. of the City of Chico Charter, the Commission elected Kathy Barrett as Chair and Jeff Lindsay as Vice-Chair for the 2006 calendar year.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wanee.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Lindsay to approve the minutes from the meeting of November 9, 2005 was unanimously approved. Following a request from Commissioner Payne to correct an omission in the minutes of December 14, 2005, the Commission directed staff to revise the minutes and resubmit them at the February meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR. Carla Resnick, Director of the 1078 Gallery and Deborah Jorritsma, Artistic Director of the Chico Community Ballet reported on arts events for their organizations.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

By consensus at its 12/14/05 meeting, the Commission requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued at tonight's meeting. Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual to the meeting. After discussion, the Commission agreed to begin the review of the Policies page by page, and within a thirty minute time period, at its February meeting. It was also agreed that this item will be placed on subsequent agendas as needed to complete the review.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met and discussed the development of criteria for pre-qualifying artists for participation of design teams for Capital Improvement Projects. The discussion will continue at its next meeting.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Did not meet.

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. to Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - February 8, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on February 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett, Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: None. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute by Commissioner Busch was tabled until the Commission's March meeting.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Chair Barrett.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 14, 2005 was approved with Chair Barrett abstaining. A motion by Commissioner Lindsay to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 11, 2006 was approved with Commissioners Busch and Friedlander abstaining.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

Carla Resnick, Director of the 1078 Gallery reported on upcoming events at the gallery. Nick Ambrosia reminded the Commission to continue developing the recommendation for the percent for art in private development.

REVIEW OF ARTS COMMISSION COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

The Commission reviewed the functions of its Standing Committees: Outreach and Education Committee, and Art in Public Places Committee and discussed changes that might be appropriate in order to achieve the Commission's goals and manage its current work program. The Commission also considered changes in Committee membership, and by consensus the Commission accepted Commissioner Payne's resignation from the Outreach and Education Committee and agreed that Commissioner Wanee would his place. After further discussion, a motion by Commissioner Friedlander to establish an Artist Outreach Committee whose task would be facilitating better communication between the Chico arts community and the Arts Commission, and to request that the Committee report at the March 8, 2006 meeting about its goals and tasks, was approved unanimously. Chair Barrett and Commissioner Payne were appointed to the Artist Outreach Committee.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to table this item to its March meeting.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES.

At its 1/11/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued until the review is completed at which time the revised policy recommendations will be forwarded to the City Council for review. Commissioners reviewed, and made revisions to, the *City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual*, starting at the beginning, for the previously agreed upon thirty minutes.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Busch reported that the Committee met on 2/7/06 at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street and continued to discuss the criteria and selection process for establishing a Pre-Qualified List of Artists to assist on design teams for the City's Capital Improvement Projects and that the Committee is suggesting that the Commission consider organizing a forum to introduce the program to Chico artists.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Barrett reported that the Committee met on 2/7/06 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room #1 of the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street and reviewed the Conversion Study provided to the City by the Chico Chamber of Commerce as part of the three year arts marketing campaign the Chamber completed June 30, 2005. By consensus, the Commission agreed to have the applicants for the Artoberfest marketing campaign present their proposals at the Commission's March 8, 2006 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 9:50 p.m. to Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1.

CLOSING REMARKS

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - March 8, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on March 8, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett, Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, and Payne. Absent: Commissioner Wanee. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.

ART MINUTE

The art minute, featuring the art of Andrew Goldsworthy, was presented by Commissioner Busch.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Lindsay.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus the agenda was accepted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Lindsay to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2006 was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

Carla Resnick, Director, 1078 Gallery reported on events at the gallery; Jana Lawton of the Chico Art Center reported on the 2005 Open Studios Tour in relation to Artoberfest; Gabrielle Green requested that all the arts organizations measure their success in regards to Artoberfest, Daniel Donnelly, instructor at Butte College reported on the Coyote Gallery.

PRESENTATION BY APPLICANTS FOR THE 2006 ARTOBERFEST MARKETING CAMPAIGN.

At its 11/10/05 meeting, the City Council approved a recommendation from the Commission to allocate \$50,000 to market Chico arts and cultural events occurring during the month of October 2006. A Request for Proposals was distributed to area marketing firms and two proposals were received by the February 24, 2006 deadline. The two applicants, In Your Face Design + Marketing, and Friends of the Arts, presented proposals to the Commission. Following a discussion regarding both applicants, a motion by Commissioner Busch to accept the proposal of Friends of the Arts to contract with the City to implement the marketing campaign for Artoberfest, was seconded and approved (5-1-1, Commissioner Payne abstaining and Commissioner Wanee absent).

PRESENTATION REGARDING CHICO PALIO.

Ed McLaughlin made a presentation to the Commission regarding an arts event he would like to produce in Chico. The event is tentatively titled Chico Palio.

DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2005.

The Commission tabled this discussion until its May 10, 2006 meeting.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES.

The Commission tabled this discussion until its May 10, 2006 meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committees that have met since the last meeting reported on their activities.

Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met and discussed the criteria and selection process for establishing a Pre-Qualified List of Artists to assist on design teams for the City's Capital Improvement Projects.

Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Barrett reported that the Committee met and reviewed proposals for the 2006 Artoberfest Marketing Campaign.

Artist Outreach Committee.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Committee met and has changed its name to the Public Art Survey Committee and that he and Commissioner Barrett will be drafting survey questions for discussion at the committee's next meeting in April.

STAFF REPORTS

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

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m. to Wednesday, April 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1. The Commission will review Mini-Grant, Arts Organization, and Arts Program Applications for 2006-07 Fiscal Year Art Funds.

CLOSING REMARKS

None.

DATE

MARY GARDNER
ARTS PROJECTS COORDINATOR

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - April 5, 2006

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on April 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: Commissioner Busch. City Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, Management Analyst Carroll, Administrative Assistant Dillard.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wanee.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick reported on events scheduled for April at the 1078 Gallery.

REVIEW OF MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the City Manager is recommending that \$107,350 from the general fund be made available for individual artists and community arts organizations.

Addressing the Commission regarding applications for Mini-Grants for Individual Artists were: Chris Jennings, Stan McEtchin (withdrew application), and Samantha Gale (collaborating with Mabrie Ormes).

By consensus, the Commission recommended the following funding allocations for Mini-Grants: Chris Jennings for \$2,000 and Mabrie Ormes for \$2,000. DNA was not present at this time. The Commission agreed to revisit his application if he were to arrive prior to adjournment of the meeting.

REVIEW OF ARTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ARTS PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR ART FUNDS

The Commission discussed the following applications with representatives from the applicable organization or program: Chico Children's Choir, North State Symphony, Crux Artist Collective, Chico Cabaret, Friends of the Arts, Blue Room Theatre, Friends of the Chico Community Ballet, 1078 Gallery, Ensemble Theatre, and the Chico Art Center.

North State Symphony Director Keith Herritt reduced his request from \$19,200 to \$9,500 after it was determined that the Symphony was an emerging organization which had not applied for, nor been funded for, the required three consecutive years.

Following discussion with Executive Director Debra Lucero, Weston Thomson, and Earl Jesse of Friends of the Arts, the Commission determined that Friends of the Arts would be re-categorized as an established organization.

DNA arrived and answered questions regarding his Mini-Grant application. By consensus the Commission agreed to recommend \$1,000 for the Mini-Grant. This brought the total recommended Mini-Grant allocation to \$5,000.

By consensus the Commission agreed that the amount available to recommend as allocations for arts organizations at its 4/19/06 meeting was \$102,350.

STAFF REPORTS

No reports given.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

No report given.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 p.m. to Wednesday, April 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center.

Date

Mary Gardner
Arts Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - April 19, 2006

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on April 5, 2006 at 7:04 p.m. in Council Chamber of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, Management Analyst Carroll, Administrative Assistant Dillard.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Busch.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick reported on events scheduled for April at the 1078 Gallery. Christine Fulton reported on events the Crux Artist Collective is planning for "Fun Without Alcohol Day" scheduled for May 27, 2006. Dave Lawton reported on special events related to the Chico Art Center's upcoming 50th anniversary celebration. Debra Lucero reported that Chico Family Fun Day is scheduled for May 6, 2006 at 20th Street Community Park.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Commission requested corrections to the March 8, 2006 minutes. A motion by Commissioner Wanee and seconded by Commissioner Busch to accept the March 8, 2006 minutes as corrected was approved. A motion by Commissioner Busch and seconded by Commissioner Wanee to accept the minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting was approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARTS ALLOCATIONS FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR FUNDING

At its 04/05/06 meeting, the Commission heard from all arts applicants and made recommendations for Mini-Grant Applicants. At tonight's meeting, the Commission formulated recommendations to the City Council for funding arts organizations for the 2006-07 fiscal year. The recommendations will be included in the 2006-07 proposed Annual Budget for consideration by the City Council at its June 6, 2006 meeting.

A. DISCUSSION OF REVISED PAINT THE TOWN PROPOSAL FROM DANIEL DONNELLY

At its 03/08/06 meeting, the Commission had a discussion regarding a recommendation to set aside some of the available 2006-07 TOT Arts Funds to fund Daniel Donnelly's "Paint the Town" project with a revised budget of \$15,000. Because this project would reduce the amount of the total funds available to arts organizations and programs, the Commission requested that Mr. Donnelly attend tonight's meeting to determine whether he intended to formalize his request. After it was determined that the total amount of available funds would most likely not exceed \$10,000, Mr. Donnelly withdrew his request.

B. APPLICATIONS FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR ARTS FUNDING

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 04/05/06 meeting, no additional information was accepted at the meeting unless the Commission had additional questions.

For use in formulating its recommendations, the Commission was provided with the following:

- a. Memorandum dated 4/13/06 from Management Analyst (MA) Cris Carroll in response to questions raised at the 04/05/06 Commission meeting regarding the City Manager's recommendations for available TOT Arts funding revenue.
- b. TOT Funding Recommendation Worksheet.
- c. Revised "Paint the Town" proposal.

Following discussion, and by consensus, the Commission requested that discussion regarding the budget policy for TOT funding Set-Aside be placed on its May agenda.

Each Commissioner stated his/her individual funding recommendations for each applicant in the Fiscal Receiver or Emerging Organization category. These recommendations were averaged to arrive at a total funding recommendation for each organization. The averaging method resulted in an unallocated funding surplus of \$944. Chair Barrett moved to allocate the \$944 to Chico Children's Choir based on the amount of growth that the Choir has experienced during the past year. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion which failed, 2-5. Commissioner Payne moved to split the remaining \$944 between the two applicants requesting equipment, Chico Cabaret and Crux Artist Collective. Commissioner Wanee seconded the motion which failed, 3-4. Commissioner Wanee moved to split the \$944 among all applicants in this category. Commissioner Payne seconded the motion which was approved, 5-2.

The same method of averaging was applied to determine the total amount of funding for each applicant in the Established Organization category. This resulted in a funding deficit of \$782. In an effort to save time in determining how to make up this deficit, Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts, requested that the Commission reduce the \$12,031 total recommended amount for Friends of the Arts to \$11,231, thereby balancing the total recommended amounts with the total funds available. A motion by Commissioner Busch to accept Ms. Lucero's request to reduce funding for the Family Fun Day portion of Friends of the Arts by \$782, and to forward the following funding recommendations to the City Council, was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and approved unanimously:

Children's Choir of Chico	\$7,200
North State Symphony	\$5,530
Crux Artist Collective	\$5,922
Chico Cabaret	\$6,937
Blue Room	\$15,730
Friends of the Chico Community Ballet	\$11,917

1078 Gallery	\$ 9,458
Ensemble Theatre	\$12,520
Friends of the Arts	\$11,231
Chico Art Center	\$15,906
Mini-Grants for Individual Artists	\$ 5,000
Total	\$107,351

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities. The Commission took the following action on matters relating to such activities.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on April 4, 2006 and discussed the Window Art Project. The Committee requested Commission approval for scheduling the Window Art Project as an Artoberfest kick-off event. The Commission agreed to request approval from Friends of the Arts. The Committee also continued to discuss the development of criteria and a selection process for a pre-qualified list of artists to work on design teams for Capital Improvement Projects.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee met on April 18, 2006 to discuss ways in which to make the public aware of the availability of art and arts related events in Chico. The Committee would like to work with local television and radio stations to establish a regular weekly segment showcasing a local artist or event. The Committee also recommended implementing a two-year grant for the funding of Artoberfest, following an evaluation of this year's event.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Committee met on April 18, 2006 to discuss the Public Art Survey, and stated that the goal of the Survey is to find out the type of public art preferred by Chico residents and why. The Committee determined that if the survey is successfully conducted, the results could be used to initiate possible changes in the City's public art program.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on the status of the contracts for Artoberfest and the Highway 99 Pillar Project, the narrative plaques for the Ancestor Gates at 20th Street Community Park, and the recent request for public information received by the City regarding all arts-related City e-mails of the last two years. Commissioner Payne requested that the topic of arts-related e-mails received by City staff be agendaized for discussion at the next meeting.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

Date

Mary Gardner
Arts Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - May 10, 2006

The Arts Commission met in adjourned regular session on May 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay and Payne. Absent: Commissioner Wanee. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Commissioner Crawford presented the Art Minute which featured Rob Davidson's announcement of the 1078 Gallery's Literary Arts Series and a reading by Sally McNall of her poem, "The Wall".

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Chair Barrett.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick provided an update on the status of the relocation of 1078 Gallery to 820 Broadway. She stated that the Gallery had requested financial support from the City and provided a copy of the letter of request which was presented to the Finance Committee on April 26, 2006. Ms. Resnick also updated the Commission on the current exhibits and upcoming events at the 1078 Gallery.

Jennifer Oman, Butte Environmental Council (BEC) Outreach Coordinator, presented Commissioners with an invitation to the Art Show and BEC Benefit taking place at the Rock Ranch on May 20, 2006.

Susan Tevis, Director of the Children's Choir of Chico, thanked the Commission for its support and provided programs from the Choir's most recent performance.

Debra Moon provided an update on the Hooker Oak Wood Project and informed the Commission that a memorial fund had been established in honor of Guy Hall.

Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts, provided brochures featuring the Janet Turner Print Museum at Chico State University. Ms. Lucero also updated the Commission on the success of Chico Family Fun Day, and extended an invitation to an art auction/dinner at Centerville Estates on June 16, 2006.

Commissioner Payne commented on the excellence of the Steven Beebee exhibit at the Naked Lounge.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Payne to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2006 meeting was unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF CITY OF CHICO POLICY REGARDING E-MAILS

At its 3/8/06 meeting, the Commission requested discussion regarding the City's policy regarding the handling of e-mails sent to staff. Copies of memorandums from Art Projects Coordinator (APC) Gardner and the City's Information Systems Director (ISD) Lynn McEnespy were provided with tonight's agenda. Ms. McEnespy was in attendance and answered questions regarding this item. Ms. McEnespy stated that an address entitled "ArtsCommission@ci.chico.ca.us" could be created on the City's website, and that e-mails received at that address could be automatically forwarded to the personal e-mail boxes of any or all Commissioners who submitted a release form to the City. Following discussion and by consensus, the Commission requested the ArtsCommission@ci.chico.ca.us address be created and that staff e-mail them a release form which Commissioners will respond to depending on the individual willingness to be forwarded the e-mails.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF CHICO BUDGET POLICY FOR TOT FUNDING SET-ASIDE

At its 4/19/06 meeting the Commission requested discussion of the City Council's Budget Policy related to the TOT Set-Aside, a copy of which was provided with tonight's agenda. The Commission was also provided with a copy of Section 3.52.220 of the Chico Municipal Code pertaining to disposition of TOT revenues.

After discussion and by consensus, the Commission directed Chair Barrett to draft a letter to the City Manager requesting clarification about the process whereby the decision was made to fund costs to administer the TOT Arts Funding application and contract process from the TOT Arts Set-Aside. The Commission also requested that it be stated that the Commission would prefer that any increase in TOT Arts Set-Aside be made available to arts organizations and not used for other purposes.

After discussion regarding the Council's Budget Policy related to the TOT Set-Aside, a motion was made by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve a recommendation to the City Council that the Council's Budget Policy related to the TOT Set-Aside be revised to allocate 50 percent of the 30 percent of available TOT funding to Arts organizations. The motion carried, 4-2-1.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

At its 1/11/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued until completed. Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual to this meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Friedlander to table this item to the meeting of June 14, 2006. The motion carried, 6-0-1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities. The Commission took the following action on matters relating to such activities.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on May 2, 2006 at 3:00

p.m. and continued discussion regarding the criteria and selection process for the establishment of a Pre-Qualified List of artists to assist on design teams for the City's Capital Improvement Projects. Ms. Crawford stated that the Committee will require additional time to complete their survey of other cities' public art programs before they will be ready with a final recommendation.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported the Committee met on May 9, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. and continued discussion regarding organizing an outreach campaign to the local media regarding local arts and culture organizations and events. Mr. Friedlander provided an update on the permanent transfer of ownership of the Artoberfest domain and logo from Commissioner Payne to the City of Chico. Commissioner Payne will work with ISD McEnespy and APC Gardner to expedite the transfer. Commissioner Friedlander also updated the Commission on the progress of the outreach campaign with local media and Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts, discussed the status of the light pole banners the organization plans for continual display during Artoberfest.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Committee met on May 2, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. to continue discussion of the development of a survey about the City's public art process. A copy of the draft survey was provided with tonight's agenda. After the Commission reviewed and discussed the draft survey and after discussion, the Committee agreed to meet with Commissioner Lindsay to review a sample of a Gallup Poll survey and then to develop a new draft of the Public Art Survey.

STAFF REPORTS.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on current work projects.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m. to Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

Date

Mary Gardner
Arts Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - June 14, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on June 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: Commissioner Lindsay. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Commissioner Wanee presented examples of Southwestern ceramics.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Friedlander.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts, provided an update on the Artoberfest stakeholder meeting held June 6, 2006.

Ameara BayLaurel reported on the status of her mini-grant project, a Summer Arts Focus Group for teenage girls, and said she is in the process of editing the final documentation. Ms. BayLaurel also reported on the success of the Aerial Dance Experiment which took place on the morning of May 27, 2006.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Busch to accept the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting was unanimously approved.

REPORT FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

Dave Becker of the Martin Luther King Monument Committee reported on the progress of the Martin Luther King Monument Project. The Committee is currently in the process of selecting an artist to complete the monument which will be permanently installed at the entryway to 20th Street Community Park. The monument is funded in part with funds from the Chico Redevelopment Agency Public Art Fund Matching Program.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A FUND MATCHING PROGRAM FOR BUSINESS SIGNAGE.

Commissioner Payne requested that the Commission discuss the development of a fund matching program that would make funds available to business owners who desire to improve the design quality of their signage. Following discussion, the Commission requested Commissioner Payne to research cities offering this type of program and to bring detailed information to a future meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING CITY OF CHICO BUDGET POLICY FOR TOT FUNDING SET-ASIDE.

At its 5/10/06 meeting the Commission approved a recommendation to the City Council that the Council's Budget Policy related to the TOT Set-Aside be revised to allocate 50 percent of the 30 percent of available TOT funding to Arts organizations. Chair Barrett requested that the Commission review this matter again at tonight's meeting. Chair Barrett stated that she would like the Commission to reconsider its recommended percentage adjustments. After discussion, Commissioner Friedlander made a motion to adjust the initial recommendation to 40 percent of the 30 percent of available TOT funding. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion which carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Lindsay absent. Commissioner Friedlander requested that APC Gardner e-mail the Commission all historical information related to previous amendments to the current formula.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES.

At its 1/11/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued until completed. Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual to this meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Friedlander and seconded by Commissioner Crawford to table this item to the meeting of July 12th and to waive the 30 minute time limit. The motion carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Lindsay absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities. The Commission took the following action on matters relating to such activities.

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on June 6, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and continued discussion regarding the criteria and selection process for the establishment of a Pre-Qualified List of artists to assist on design teams for the City's Capital Improvement Projects. The Commission was provided with a report from Art Projects Coordinator Gardner which forwarded the Committee's final recommendation and outlined the steps in the recommended selection process. The Committee will report back to the Commission at its 7/12/06 meeting with a time line for the distribution of a Request for Qualifications, application deadlines, and experience criteria.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee met on June 13, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. Debra Lucero was present at the meeting and provided a report on the progress of Artoberfest 2006. Commissioner Friedlander added that plans for the event are well ahead of last year's timeline due to the energy and involvement of dedicated volunteers.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

The Committee did not meet.

STAFF REPORTS.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on the following four projects which will be advertised on 7/06/06, and discussed during an informational meeting scheduled for 7/18/06:

1. Oak Way Park Project. (\$25,000 budget – limited to Northern California artists.) This project will call for the design and creation of sculptural art pieces featuring kinetic elements.
2. Heritage Elm Project. (\$25,000 budget – limited to Butte County artists.) This project is an element of the City Plaza Project and will call for the design and creation of a sculpture utilizing wood from the trees removed from the Plaza. The sculpture will be permanently installed in the chess-playing area of the Plaza, referred to as “Elm Court.”
3. Art Benches and Pedestals. (\$23,000 budget – 3 benches at \$5,000 each; 8 pedestals at \$1,000 each – limited to Butte County artists.) This project will call for the design and creation of concrete benches featuring a Chico luminary and pedestals highlighting unique landmarks within Chico.
4. Forest Avenue Median Design. (\$35,000 budget – \$10,000 for creation of a manual developed to establish design guidelines for median art and \$25,000 for completion of the median project – limited to Northern California artists.) Developed in part to produce a design manual of guidelines pertaining to median art, this project calls for a design team and will include a request for qualifications.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Commissioner Busch provided information on upcoming arts related events in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. to Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

Date

Mary Gardner
Arts Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Adjourned Regular Meeting - July 12, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on July 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: Chair Barrett. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Commissioner Payne presented a slide show of his Kaleidoscope project.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Friedlander.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick, Executive Director for the 1078 Gallery, provided an update on the status of the occupancy permit for the Gallery's new location at 820 Broadway.

Debra Lucero, Executive Director for Friends of the Arts, provided information regarding a cultural tourism meeting scheduled to be held in Clotilde Merlo Park, Stirling City, on 7/13/06 at 10:00 a.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Commissioner Busch moved to accept the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanee and carried, 6-0-1.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wanee requested that the minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting be amended to reflect that the Outreach and Education Committee did not discuss organizing an outreach campaign to the local media. A motion by Commissioner Wanee to approve the amended minutes of the June 14, 2006 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Busch and carried, 6-0-1.

REPORT REGARDING CHICO ARTOBERFEST PALIO 2006

Debra Lucero, Executive Director for Friends of the Arts, reported on the most recent developments of the Chico Artoberfest and Palio 2006 which are being coordinated by Friends of the Arts and LearningChange. Ms. Lucero reported that Friends of the Arts has received a \$10,000 grant from the California Arts Council in support of Palio 2006, the official kick-off event to the Artoberfest. Earl Jesse, LearningChange, joined with Ms. Lucero to present an online tour of the Artoberfest website (www.artoberfest.org) which is expected to be accessible to the public the week of July 17, 2006. The Commission, by consensus, agreed to adjourn to the July 18, 2006 Artoberfest planning meeting in Conference Room No. 1 at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AS PART OF THE OCTOBER 2006 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

The Commission discussed the 2006 Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts. The Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts are presented in memory of former Arts Commissioner Joseph Kaveney. The City Council approved the establishment of these awards in 1996 to recognize, on an annual basis, no more than three individuals, businesses and/or non-profit organizations who have made significant contributions to the arts in the Chico community. A list of past recipients was provided for this meeting.

Individuals discussed for possible nomination included: Byron Thomas, Thomasin Saxe, Denny Latimer and MaryAnne Latimer, Susan Schrader, Jim Schmidt, Barbara Morris, Eileen McDonald, Rory Rottschalk, Katie Perry, Marilyn Warrens, Kris Koenig, Todd Hall and Guy Hall.

Organizations discussed for possible nomination included: the Board of Directors to the Janet Turner Print Museum, Chico Paper Company, and Steve Seidenglantz, developer of the Hegan Lane Business Park.

The Commission requested that a list of nominees be provided at the next meeting.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

At its 1/11/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued until completed.

Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual to this meeting. A motion was made by Commissioner Friedlander and seconded by Commissioner Wanee to table this item to the meeting of August 9, 2006 and to request that Commissioners provide individual questions, concerns, and recommendations regarding revision of the Policies in an effort to streamline the discussion and focus on specifics. The motion carried, (4-1-2, Commissioners Busch and Payne opposed, Chair Barrett absent).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on July 11, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and continued discussion of the establishment of a Pre-Qualified List of artists to assist on design teams for the City's Capital Improvement Projects. The Committee has drafted a list of questions for artist applicants and agreed that the selection panel should be comprised of a Public Works employee, a member of the Architectural Review Board, a landscape architect, citizen at large, and a faculty member of the Chico State University Art Department. Audience member Jennifer Oman stated that placement of a public artist on this selection panel should be an essential requirement. She suggested that outreach methods be strengthened and improved to reach emerging artists who are currently underserved.

The Committee also discussed the Commission's 2006 Window Art Project and reported that letters have been prepared, pairings of artists and businesses are underway, and the event is on schedule for Artoberfest kick-off week.

Commissioner Wanee agreed to assist with publicity of the event.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee met on July 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. and discussed the Artoberfest 2006 Marketing Campaign. This discussion was held for the entire length of the meeting and the Committee was unable to continue its discussion of organizing an outreach campaign to the local media regarding local arts and culture organizations and events, and tabled that item for a future meeting.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Committee did not meet and that it may be necessary to have a survey prepared and implemented by an outside party.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator (APC) Gardner reported on the status of the call for artists and selection panelists for four pending public art projects. APC Gardner provided a copy of the advertisement which ran in the Chico Enterprise-Record, the Chico News and Review, and the Buzz insert to the Enterprise-Record, and reported that an informational meeting for interested artists, and opened to selection panelist applicants, has been scheduled for July 25, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. to July 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street, for a meeting of the Artoberfest Planning Committee. The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on August 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Wane suggested that an orientation offering training in the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies be offered to newly appointed Commissioners.

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - August 9, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on August 9, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee, and Chair Barrett. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Chair Barrett provided an online presentation of the most recent updates to the Artoberfest website. Commissioner Crawford recommended that the Commission request Chamber approval for Friends of the Arts to provide a link to the Artoberfest site to the Chico Chamber of Commerce website.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wanee.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick, Executive Director for the 1078 Gallery, provided an update on future shows at the 1078 Gallery and its move to 820 Broadway.

Jennifer Oman, Butte Environmental Council (BEC), provided an update on the downtown murals sponsored by BEC. She also offered to assist the Commission with artist outreach and provided information regarding her experience.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Commissioner Wanee moved to hear Committee Report "C" prior to Item 10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and carried, 7-0.

The absence of the monthly item regarding discussion of the City of Chico Art in Public Places Policy was noted and it was determined that it was erroneously omitted from the agenda. The Commission requested that it be the first item of business on the September 13, 2006 agenda and that the 30 minute time limit be waived in order to complete the discussion and make a final determination on the changes to the Policy. Commissioners agreed to bring fully prepared comments and suggestions to the September meeting.

Chair Barrett requested that presentations by recipients of mini-grants be scheduled for the September meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioner Payne requested that his reference to the formation of a "Graph Committee" be struck from the minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting, stating that the comment was never intended to be taken seriously. A motion by Commissioner Wanee to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting as amended was seconded by Commissioner Payne and carried, 6-0-1, Chair Barrett abstaining.

INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO FOUR SELECTION PANELS FOR PENDING PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Applications were received from seven individuals interested in serving as Art Selection Panelists for either the Oak Way Park Project, Heritage Elm Project in City Plaza, Downtown Art Benches and Pedestals Projects, or the Forest Avenue Median Project. The Commission interviewed each applicant in attendance at tonight's meeting and made appointments as noted below. Applicants were informed of tonight's meeting. Copies of their applications were provided with this agenda.

Commissioner Friedlander moved to extend the application deadline for selection panelists to September 5, 2006. Commissioner Crawford seconded the motion which carried, 7-0. Advertisements reflecting the extension of the application deadline will be published and new applicants will be interviewed and appointed at the September 13, 2006 meeting.

Applicant Samantha Gale suggested that more applications may have been received if the advertisements had not been limited to the newspaper. She stated that many people do not read the local papers and that she was informed of the selection panels through word of mouth. She suggested generating an email list of art instructors, studios, schools, galleries, etc.

Jason Tannen and Michael Mulcahy were appointed to the Downtown Art Benches Selection Panel as the Arts Professional and Community Member, respectively.

Sal Casa and Samantha Gale were appointed as the Arts Professionals for the Heritage Elm Project Selection Panel and Bob Koch was appointed as Community Member.

Nicholas Ambrosia will serve as the Neighborhood Representative for the Forest Avenue Selection Panel.

Samantha Gale offered to serve as the Arts Professional for the Oak Way Park Project if the position is not filled after all applications under the new deadline are received.

DISCUSSION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AS PART OF THE OCTOBER 2006 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

The Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts are presented in memory of former Arts Commissioner Joseph Kaveney. The City Council approved the establishment of these awards in 1996 to recognize, on an annual basis, no more than three individuals, businesses and/or non-profit organizations having made significant contributions to the arts in the Chico community. At its June 12, 2006 meeting, the Commission discussed several individuals and organizations for the 2006 Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts (a list of which was provided with this agenda).

Marilyn Warrens, Denny and Mary Anne Latimer, Guy and Todd Hall, and Byron Thomas were nominated as finalists. Following a vote in which each Commissioner cast three votes, Marilyn Warrens, Todd and Guy Hall, and Byron Thomas were selected as this year's award recipients.

Commissioner Wanee requested that a list of all nominees be maintained for annual consideration.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PUBLIC ART SURVEY

At its February 8, 2006 meeting the Commission approved establishment of an ad hoc Artist Outreach Committee to facilitate improved communication between the Chico arts community and the Arts Commission. Chair Barrett and Commissioner Payne were appointed to the Committee. At its March 8, 2006 meeting the Commission approved the Committee's recommendation to change its name to the Public Art Survey Committee and to begin developing a survey regarding the city's public art program. At tonight's meeting, the Commission discussed its goals for the public art survey.

Commissioner Payne reported that the Committee discussed conducting an online survey of stakeholders in the public art process by using email lists available from other groups, and a phone survey of the general public using phone numbers from a list which can be purchased for approximately \$300.

Chair Barrett said the Committee will need to bring the survey questions to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Lindsay added that the wording of the survey questions will be crucial to its success and suggested that a professional opinion be sought when formulating the questions. The Commission would give final approval to the questions before the survey is conducted. Jennifer Oman stated that she could offer some expertise with the survey and would also be willing to ask Jim Greg, formerly of the CSU, Chico Survey Department, for his assistance.

Chair Barrett reported that the phone survey would be used to find out the level of public awareness regarding Chico as an arts destination and would not include questions regarding the public art process. The online survey would be created for stakeholders and the requested feedback would be specific to the public art process. APC Gardner stated that funding for the purchase of the phone list should be considered at the March 2007 meeting as a possible TOT funding recommendation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on July 11, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and discussed the extension of the selection panel application deadline and the Commission's 2006 Window Art Project. Letters to artists and businesses regarding the Window Art Project were reviewed and are in the process of being mailed. A data sheet is being created to track information for the Arts Walk brochure. Commissioner Waneé suggested a short article in the Enterprise-Record promoting the project.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Freidlander reported that the Committee met on July 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. and discussed the Artoberfest marketing campaign with Debra Lucero. The Committee reviewed graphics, website updates, print ads, and television and radio spots. Commissioner Friedlander said that Friends of the Arts should be commended for its excellent work.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

The Commission agreed to hear this item in conjunction with Item No. 10 on tonight's agenda, "Discussion Regarding the Public Art Survey".

STAFF REPORTS

APC Gardner announced that the current exhibit displayed at the Chico Municipal Building features the art of Commissioner Busch. A reception for Ms. Busch will be held September 14, 2006 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. APC Gardner also provided a verbal report on the status of the Oak Way Park Project, the Heritage Elm Project, Downtown Art Benches Project, and the Forest Avenue Median Design Project. She also reported that the extension for selection panel applications will impact all four projects. Flyers with updated information will be sent out to all artists on the mailing list. Thirty-five artists attended the informational meeting on July 25, 2006.

Commissioner Payne commented that the insurance requirements for some of the public art projects may cause a financial challenge to the artists. APC Gardner said that the cost of insurance is an eligible project cost within the proposal budget, but that the insurance must be purchased before a contract with the City can be executed.

Commissioner Payne left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Commissioner Crawford reported on upcoming arts related events in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m. to September 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioner Friedlander thanked the Commission for its correct pronunciation of "Artoberfest".

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - September 13, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on September 13, 2006 at 7:08 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Chair Barrett. Absent: Commissioner Wanee. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, Special Projects Worker Lucero, and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Due to technical difficulties, this item was postponed and heard following Business from the Floor.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Friedlander.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Payne to accept the agenda as written was seconded by Commissioner Busch and carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Wanee absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Payne to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2006 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Wanee absent.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Carla Resnick presented copies of the first issue of the free of charge, quarterly arts magazine, "10Spot", and also announced that Saucebag would be performing at the 1078 Gallery on October 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Butte College Graphic and Multimedia Arts Director Daniel Donnelly announced that the digital art of Alicia Buelow would be displayed at the new Digital Outdoor Gallery located on the outside wall of the Business Department at Butte College and on the wall outside of Cold Stone Creamery (East 2nd Street and Broadway). The opening for Ms. Buelow's show is scheduled for September 21, 2006 in Butte College Fine Arts Room 103, at 1:00 & 2:00 p.m., and at the downtown site at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Donnelly also announced that the digital photography of Graham Nash would be on display at the college during the first week of October, with a possible appearance from Mr. Nash if his touring schedule allows. In November, the Gallery will feature seven artists from seven countries.

Nicholas Ambrosia, Arts Commission Liaison to the Architectural Review Board, stated that portions of the future Enloe Medical Center parking structures have been allocated for art options; murals 3' x 5' and 20' x 30' will be painted on two of the structure's walls. Mr. Ambrosia also provided a summary of the City of Chico's Commercial Development Activity.

Jennifer Oman, Butte Environmental Council (BEC), announced that there would be a sidewalk reception September 14, 2006 to dedicate the newly completed BEC sponsored murals. The reception will take place at Art, Etc. and in front of the murals from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

ART MINUTE

Commissioner Lindsay presented a slide show featuring his trip to the Burning Man Festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. (Due to technical difficulties, this item was moved from its regular place on the agenda.)

INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT OF APPLICANTS TO FOUR SELECTION PANELS FOR PENDING PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

The Commission interviewed applicants interested in serving as Art Selection Panelists for the Oak Way Park Sculpture Project, City Plaza Heritage Elm Project, Downtown Art Benches Project, or the Forest Avenue Median Art Project. Following the interviews, appointments were made to each of the four selection panels. Applicants were informed of this meeting and copies of their applications were provided with the agenda.

The Commission requested that a list of all applicants be maintained for future use.

A motion was made by Commissioner Friedlander and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay to accept the following appointments. The motion carried, 6-0-1 (Commissioner Wanee absent).

Downtown Art Benches Project:

Arts Professional: Christen Derr

(Jason Tannen appointed 8/9/06)

Neighborhood Representatives: Diane M. St. George and Dorna Anderson.

Community Member: Franz Cilensek

(Michael Mulcahy appointed 8/9/06)

Heritage Elm Sculpture Project:

Arts Professional: Robert Herhusky

(Salvatore Casa and Samantha Gale appointed 8/9/06)

Neighborhood Representatives: Paul Lieberum and Poni Casale.

Community Members: Todd Hall and Betsy Helen Gage

(Bob Koch appointed 8/9/06)

Forest Avenue Median Project:

Arts Professionals: Aislinn Race, Gregg Berryman, Richard Frey.

Neighborhood Representative: Anna Deroski

(Nick Ambrosia appointed 8/9/06)

Community Members: Carin Hilgeman and Terry Allread.

Oak Way Park Sculpture Project:

Arts Professionals: Christine Fulton, Janice Porter, and Trevor Koch.

Neighborhood Representatives: Robert Honan, Kathryn Fossum and Ingeborg Johannsen.

Community Members: Cindy Maderos and Coonie Grey-Lavin.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

At its 1/11/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that the review of the City's Art in Public Places Policies be continued until completed. Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the *City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual* to the meeting. At its 7/12/06 meeting, it was decided that individual Commissioners would bring specific questions and concerns to be discussed in an organized and succinct fashion. Commissioners were requested to bring copies of their questions regarding, or changes to, the Policies to this meeting.

Following discussion, Commissioner Payne agreed to bring a proposed outline for the revised manual to the October meeting. Upon review of the outline, the Commission will form two ad-hoc committees, each of which will work on revising the manual in accordance with the new draft outline. Staff will incorporate the revisions into a draft manual which will be provided to the Commission for review and comment. This process will continue until final revisions are accepted and a final document is drafted. The Commission committed itself to completing the manual by the end of 2006.

Commissioner Friedlander requested that Commissioner Payne email his outline to all Commission members early enough to allow an opportunity to become familiar with it prior to the October 11 discussion.

Chair Barrett requested that discussion of the new proposed outline for the Art in Public Places Manual be the first order of business on the October 11, 2006 agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee. Commissioner Lindsay reported that the Committee met on September 5, 2006 and discussed the 2006 Window Art Project. Nearly all artists and businesses are committed. The Committee will provide complete lists to Commissioner Busch by September 22, 2006.

The Committee also discussed the many upcoming recommendations for Capital Art Projects and requested that discussion of these projects be added to the October 11, 2006 agenda. The Committee hopes to generate ideas and concepts from the Arts Commission and the public, agendize those ideas for the November meeting, and prepare them in time for the discussion of next year's funding cycle. Staff was requested to provide Commissioners with a map depicting the Merged Redevelopment Area.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee met on September 12, 2006 and discussed the promotion of Artoberfest 2006 with Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts. A sample promotional banner for placement on downtown light posts was displayed. Examples of other Artoberfest promotional materials were distributed to the Commissioners. A full size paper model of Chico State University Farm's Chico Palio flag was also displayed.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

Commissioner Payne reported that he met with Jennifer Oman on September 12, 2006 to discuss the development of a survey about the City's public art process.

Following discussion, the Commission agreed that City staff would create an email/ mailing list from files maintained on previous public art projects, and that the approximately 4,000 emails currently saved in the Arts@ci.chico.ca.us mailbox would be divided into sub-folders to better estimate what are viable addresses.

The Commission agreed that upon completion of the contact list of stakeholders, the goals of the public art survey must be carefully developed and clearly stated before an official questionnaire is drafted.

APC Gardner said that the list of stakeholders would be completed by staff on September 28, 2006.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided a verbal report on the status of the Oak Way Park Project, the Heritage Elm Project, Downtown Art Benches Project, and the Forest Avenue Median Design Project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 55 p.m. to October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS.

None.

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - October 11, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on October 11, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.
Present: Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Lindsay, Payne, and Wane. Absent: Chair Barrett and Commissioner Friedlander. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

Debra Lucero presented the art minute which featured highlights from Chico Palio.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wane.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Busch to accept the agenda as written was seconded by Commissioner Wane and carried, 5-0-2, Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and carried, 4-0-2-1, Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander absent and Commissioner Wane abstaining.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Oman, Greg Tropea, Daniel Donnelly, and Gregg Payne (reading a letter from Debra Moon) spoke.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE CAPITAL ART PROJECTS FUNDED WITH RDA MERGED ARTS FUND 382

At its 9/13/06 meeting the Art in Public Places Committee requested that the Commission discuss possible 2007-08 Capital Art Projects for Recommendation to the Chico Redevelopment Agency. A map depicting the Chico Amended and Merged Redevelopment Area was provided with this agenda.

Lynn Bussey suggested placing artistic cigarette butt receptacles throughout the downtown Chico area. Daniel Donnelly and Jennifer Oman spoke in support of the idea.

Marilyn Jennings suggested the creation of a public labyrinth.

Items from the Art in Public Places Committee meeting of October 2, 2006 which related to this discussion were reported by Commissioner Crawford. The Committee discussed recommending \$25,000 in matching funds for future program requests. \$250,000 as a goal mark for a signature project was discussed;

there is currently \$50,000 in the set-aside fund and the Committee would like to propose \$50,000 annually. Audience members and the Commissioners also discussed the following as possible Capital Art Projects: Roundabouts on West 8th Avenue, seating for customers waiting for the Amtrak bus at the Chico Depot, and an urban art tree project. The Committee will continue to discuss this item and bring recommendations back to the Commission in December.

REVIEW OF THE CITY OF CHICO ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICIES

At its 9/13/06 meeting the Commission, by consensus, requested that Commissioner Payne provide an outline of his proposed changes to the City's Art in Public Places Policies to assist the Commission in its review of the Policies. A copy of the outline is provided with this agenda. Commissioners were requested to bring their copies of the *City of Chico Art in Public Places Policies Manual* to this meeting.

A motion by Commissioner Wane and seconded by Commissioner Crawford to form a Public Art Policy Review Committee carried 5-0-2, Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander absent. Art Policy Review Committee members are Commissioners Crawford, Payne and Wane. The Committee meetings will be opened to the public and will be staffed by Art Projects Coordinator Mary Gardner. It was determined that the first meeting would be held on Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 4:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on October 2, 2006 and reported that the 2006 Window Art Project is installed. Brochures listing the businesses and artists are also available.

Commissioner Crawford also reported that the Committee met with the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission Art Committee and selected the final photo image for the mural treatment for the exterior wall of the restroom located in the City Plaza.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Wane reported that she met with Debra Lucero, Friends of the Arts, on October 10, 2006 submitted the final report for Artoberfest 2006. The Committee is working on its recommendation for funding Artoberfest in the future.

The Public Art Survey Committee.

Commissioner Payne and volunteer Jennifer Oman, reported that a group of citizen volunteers had formed and would use their own resources to create the questionnaire to be used in the survey of stakeholders in the public art process. Commissioner Payne will act as a liaison between the citizen public art survey group and the Arts Commission. A motion by Commissioner Lindsay and seconded by Commissioner Payne to disband the Public Art Survey Committee and relinquish Arts Commission oversight of the newly formed volunteer public art survey carried 5-0-2, Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander absent.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided verbal reports on the status of the Martin Luther King Memorial Project, the Oak Way Park Project, the Heritage Elm Project, the Downtown Art Benches Project, and the Forest Avenue Median Design Project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m. to November 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

None.

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - November 8, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on November 8, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Chair Barrett and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wane. Absent: None. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

The Art Minute, a tribute to jazz musicians, was presented by Commissioner Busch and featured improvisational tenor saxophone melodies performed by Bob Aranguren.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wane.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Busch to accept the agenda as written was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and carried, 7-0.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Wane to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2006 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and carried, 5-0-2; Commissioners Barrett and Friedlander abstaining.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Eric McLain, Alec Binyan, Carla Resnick, Daniel Donnelly, and Gregg Payne spoke.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PUBLIC ART SELECTION PANELS.

By memorandum dated 11/1/06, Art Projects Coordinator Gardner forwarded the Selection Panels' recommendations for artists to complete the Downtown Art Benches Project and the Forest Avenue Median Art Project. Copies of the Bench Project proposals and the Median Project submission of qualifications were included with this agenda. Artists and Project Selection Panelists were notified of the meeting.

Commissioner Friedlander stated that he was hesitant to make a recommendation to the City Council based on the information provided to the Commission. Commissioner Payne agreed and said he would have preferred that the selected artists and at least one representative from each selection panel be present to discuss and justify the recommended proposals. Art Projects Coordinator Gardner stated that the artists had fulfilled all presentation requirements during the selection panel meetings and that the Commission's role was to either reject the selection panel recommendations or accept them and forward to the City Council

for consideration.

Commissioner Friedlander requested that the selection panel recommendation process and the method by which the recommendations are forwarded to the Arts Commission, be examined at a future meeting. He requested that the process be revised to include a presentation to the Arts Commission by the finalists before the Commission makes its recommendation to the City Council. Chair Barrett recommended that at the very least, the Commission be provided with colored copies of the recommended proposals. Commissioner Crawford stated that she will bring these comments and concerns to the next meeting of the Public Art Policy Review Committee.

A motion by Commissioner Crawford to accept the recommendations of the Downtown Art Benches Project Selection Panel was seconded by Commissioner Busch and carried, 4-0-3; Commissioners Friedlander, Payne and Wanee abstaining. The recommendations of the selection panel were:

Three Luminary Art Benches:

Michael Giannattasio- *John Muir*
Jean Summerville- *Susan B. Anthony*
Juan Cole- *Sir Joseph Hooker*

Eight Pedestal Art Seats:

Matt Auvinen- three seats
Janice Hofmann and Carl Perkins- two seats
Kari Zigan- two seats
Cooie Grey-Lavin- one seat

Following discussion and a verbal summary/report from selection panelist Nicholas Ambrosia, a motion by Commissioner Wanee to accept the recommendation of the Forest Avenue Median Project Selection Panel to approve the team of artist Cal Ling and landscape architect Greg Melton, was seconded by Commissioner Payne and carried, 7-0.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT OF FUTURE CAPITAL ART PROJECTS FUNDED WITH RDA MERGED ARTS FUND 382.

At its 10/11/06 meeting the Commission heard public comment on possible 2007-08 Capital Art Projects for recommendation to the Chico Redevelopment Agency. At tonight's meeting, the Commission continued its discussion and took public comment.

Patty Moriarty spoke on behalf of friends and family of the late Franz Cilensek and that an art bench honoring Mr. Cilensek be permanently installed in the downtown area. Ms. Moriarty provided letters of support to the Commission.

Chico State University Professor of Design Gregg Berryman presented several detailed renderings in which his students created artistic solutions for beautifying the empty lot at the corner of 1st and Main Streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on November 7, 2006 and discussed recommendations for 2007-08 Capital Art Projects. Because the Commission was scheduled to hear more recommendations tonight, the Committee will wait until the December 13, 2006 Commission meeting to make its recommendations.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Chair Barrett reported that the Outreach and Education Committee met on November 7, 2006 and discussed the recommendation to the City Council regarding the 2007 Artoberfest marketing campaign. The Committee also reported that the Internal Affairs Committee has recommended a change to the current formula used for Community Organization Funding. Commissioner Crawford suggested that the Committee discuss establishing a method of ensuring regular media coverage highlighting the Arts Commission’s accomplishments.

The Public Art Policy Review Committee.

Commissioner Wanee reported that the Public Art Policy Review Committee met on October 19, October 26, and November 2, 2006 to review and consider revisions to the current policy, and that progress is being made in regards to identifying the areas of the policy which need updating or revisions.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided verbal reports on the status of the Oak Way Park Project, the Heritage Elm Project, the Downtown Art Benches Project, and the Forest Avenue Median Design Project. APC Gardner also discussed the recommendation of the Internal Affairs Committee regarding funding of arts organizations with Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. to December 13, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

None.

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - December 13, 2006

The Arts Commission met in regular session on December 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Chair Barrett (arrived at 7:57 p.m.) and Commissioners Busch, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay, Payne, and Wanee. Absent: None. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Crawford. David Samuels, accompanied by his grandson, Brennan Wiegert, recited the holiday poem, "A Visit From Saint Nicholas".

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wanee.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion by Commissioner Busch to accept the agenda as written was seconded by Commissioner Wanee and carried, 6-0-1; Chair Barrett absent.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Busch to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2006 meeting was seconded by Commissioner Wanee and carried, 6-0-1; Chair Barrett absent.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS GREGG PAYNE AND PAULA BUSCH. The Commission thanked Commissioners Payne and Busch for their contributions to the City of Chico arts community.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Jennifer Oman and Carla Resnick spoke.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HERITAGE ELM SCULPTURE PROJECT SELECTION PANEL

By memorandum dated December 4, 2006, Art Projects Coordinator Gardner forwarded the recommendation of the Heritage Elm Sculpture Project Selection Panel regarding placement of this art work. The Panel recommended the proposal by the team of Owen Gabbert and Peter Piatt. The artist team and panel members Samantha Gale and Russ Mills were in attendance to answer questions regarding the proposed sculpture and the panel's recommendation. Following discussion, Commissioner Wanee moved to accept the Selection Panel's recommendation as presented. Commissioner Friedlander seconded the motion which carried, 5-2; Commissioners Busch and Crawford voting no. Commissioner Wanee stated that, for the record, she had concerns that there were not more proposals to select from for the completion of this project.

Chair Barrett arrived at 7:57 p.m. during discussion of this agenda item.

RECOMMENDATION FOR 2007-08 CAPITAL ART PROJECTS

By memorandum dated December 4, 2006, Art Projects Coordinator Gardner forwarded the recommendations of the Art in Public Places Committee for 2007-08 Capital Art Projects.

After Commission discussion regarding the recommendation and agreement by consensus that project-specific criteria will be discussed at a future Commission meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Wanee to recommend that the following projects and budget be recommended to the Chico Redevelopment Agency for approval at its June 5, 2007 meeting:

1. \$50,000 set-aside for the signature art project.
2. \$27,000 in matching funds, \$17,000 of which would go toward the Dylan Telleson murals at the Boys and Girls Club.
3. \$75,000 for the greening/beautification of one of the three roundabouts located in the West 8th Avenue corridor.
4. \$70,000 for the Chico Depot Art Seating Project.
5. \$5,000 for the direct purchase of a luminary art bench in honor of Santa Claus/Franz Cilensek.

The motion carried, 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee.

Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on December 1 and December 12, 2006, and discussed recommendations for 2007-08 Capital Art Projects.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Chair Barrett reported that the Outreach and Education Committee met on December 12, 2006 and discussed the recommendation to the City Council regarding the 2007 Artoberfest marketing campaign. The Committee reported that it will revisit the idea of establishing regular media coverage of Artoberfest after the City Council determines whether to continue funding of the event.

The Public Art Policy Review Committee.

Commissioner Wanee reported that the Public Art Policy Review Committee met on November 16, November 30, and December 7, 2006, to review and consider revisions to the current policy. The Committee has completed the final outline and is now updating and revising the contents which will be appropriately placed within the outline.

UPDATE ON STATUS OF PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner provided verbal reports on the status of the Oak Way Park Project, the Heritage Elm Project, the Downtown Art Benches Project, and the Forest Avenue Median Design Project.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 p.m. to Wednesday, January 17, 2007 (rescheduled from January 10, 2007), at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

Commissioners Busch and Payne were once again commended for their hard work and dedication while serving on the Commission.

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator