

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - January 17, 2007

The Arts Commission met in regular session on January 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Friedlander, Gale, Lindsay, and Wanee. Absent: None. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.

ART MINUTE

The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Wanee and featured models of the New Mexico public art project, "Painted Ponies".

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Wanee.

WELCOME NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

At its January 2, 2007 meeting, the City Council appointed Sandy Atkins and Samantha Gale, and re-appointed Paul Friedlander to serve on the Arts Commission. Each of the newly appointed Commissioners introduced themselves and shared their reasons for wanting to serve on the Arts Commission.

Reorganization of Commission.

- A. **Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2007 Calendar Year.** Pursuant to Section 1003.A. of the City Charter, the Commission elected a Chair and Vice-Chair for calendar year 2007.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner opened nominations for Chair. Commissioner Wanee nominated Commissioner Friedlander. There were no other nominations. By unanimous vote, Commissioner Paul Friedlander was elected as Chair of the Arts Commission for calendar year 2007.

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Barrett nominated Commissioner Lindsay, and Commissioner Lindsay nominated Commissioner Wanee. By a vote of 4-3, Commissioner Lucille Wanee was elected as Vice-Chair of the Arts Commission for calendar year 2007.

Chair Friedlander extended the Commission's appreciation to Commissioners Barrett and Lindsay, outgoing Chair and Vice-Chair, and thanked them for their dedication and service during 2006.

- B. **Appointments to Committees.** Due to the reorganization of the Commission, appointments to the Committees were reviewed and considered. A motion by Commissioner Wanee to appoint Commissioner Atkins to the Outreach and Education Committee and Commissioner Gale to the Art in Public Places Committee was seconded by Commissioner Barrett and carried, 7-0.

Commissioner Barrett stated that although she would no longer be serving on

the Outreach and Education Committee, she is considering taking a role in the establishment of a non-profit Friends of the Arts Commission, whose mission would be to raise additional funds for Commission art projects and programs. Commissioner Barrett agreed to bring a report back to the Commission at a future meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus, the Commission accepted the agenda as written.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Commissioner Wanee moved to direct staff to review the digital recording of the December 13, 2006 meeting, specifically Agenda Items 9 and 10, and to amend the minutes to reflect details of the discussion of these items. Staff will submit the amended minutes for Commission approval at the February 14, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett and carried, 7-0.

After discussion, the Commission concluded that more detail and discussion should be included in the minutes. APC Gardner explained that it is City Council direction to provide action minutes only, and stated that City Clerk Debbie Presson would be in attendance at a future meeting to review Council direction and policy.

Richard Ek and Gregg Payne spoke in support of adding more discussion to the minutes.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Janice Porter introduced herself as the newly appointed Interim Director of the 1078 Gallery, and updated the Commission on events scheduled at the Gallery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Art in Public Places Committee.

The Committee did not meet.

The Outreach and Education Committee.

Commissioner Barrett reported that the Outreach and Education Committee met on December 12, 2006 and discussed City Council approval of the funding for the Artoberfest marketing campaign for 2007 and 2008. City Council approved the funding for Artoberfest at its meeting of January 2, 2007. The Committee intends to begin efforts to establish regular media coverage of Artoberfest

The Public Art Policy Review Committee.

Commissioner Wanee reported that the Public Art Policy Review Committee met on January 11, 2007, to review and consider revisions to the current policy. The Committee has completed an outline and is now working to place the current or revised content within this new 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 8:20 p.m. to Wednesday, February 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No.1 of the Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street.

CLOSING REMARKS

Date

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of February 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

Mission Statement: “Excellence in the fine arts is a reflection of the health and quality of life in a community. The purpose of the Arts Commission is to serve as an advocate for the arts and as a partner in the community's artistic and cultural development. Visual, performing and literary art programs should be designed to encourage the active participation of all citizens in this valuable aspect of their daily lives.”

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Crawford, Gale, Wanee, and Chair Friedlander. Absent: Commissioners Barrett and Lindsay. Also in attendance were Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, City Clerk Debbie Presson and Administrative Services Director Cindy Pierce.

1.2. Art Minute. The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Friedlander.

CONSENT AGENDA

2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** Meetings of December 13, 2006 and January 17, 2007. Minutes were not provided to the Commission with the agenda and therefore this item was tabled to the March 14, 2007 meeting. By consensus, the Commission requested that copies of the December and January minutes be provided in advance of the meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

3.1. **Items Removed From the Consent Agenda.** None.

3.2. **Art Events and Projects Update.**

(1) The Art Projects Coordinator reported on upcoming arts events in the community.

(2) The Art Projects Coordinator reported on the status of the Oak Way Park Sculpture Project, the Downtown Art Benches Project, the Artist Mini-Grant Informational Meeting, the Martin Luther King Memorial Matching Fund Project, and the Robin Indar Matching Fund Project.

3.3. **Council Policy Regarding Board and Commission Procedures.** City Clerk Debbie Presson reviewed City of Chico Administrative Policy and Procedure (AP&P) 10-1, “Board, Commission, Advisory Committees and Task Force Rules of Procedure,” and AP&P 10-10, “City Council Rules of Procedure,” copies of which were included with this agenda.

3.4. **Report from Friends of the Arts Regarding Development of Commonpath Website Project.** At its 6/20/06 meeting the City Council allocated \$10,891 to Friends of the Arts for the development of the Commonpath Website which will provide local artists and arts related businesses access to one another and to the larger community. Debra Lucero, Executive Director of Friends of the Arts, and Weston Thompson, Commonpath.org Project Developer, were in attendance at tonight’s meeting and reported on the progress of the projects. A 2006-07 Community organization Funding Request Organization Summary was included with this agenda.

3.5. **Discussion Regarding Attendance at the 2007 Americans for the Arts Conference in Las Vegas.** The annual Americans for the Arts Conference is being held June 1-3, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. By consensus, the Commission appointed Commissioners Crawford, Friedlander, and Gale to attend this year’s Conference.

4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items are provided for the Commission’s information.

A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.

- (1) Commissioner Crawford reported that the Art in Public Places Committee met on February 9, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, and discussed the Committee's work program and past accomplishments for the benefit of new Committee member Samantha Gale.
- (2) Commissioner Atkins reported that the Outreach and Education Committee met on February 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street and discussed Artoberfest 2007 and its 2007 work plan.
- (3) Commissioner Wanee reported that the Public Art Policy Review Committee met on January 11, January 25, 2007 and February 1, 2007, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at 421 Main Street, and reviewed and considered updates and revisions to the current Policy.

5. **Business from the Floor.** Gregg Payne addressed the Commission regarding the new agenda format.

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of March 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order. Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Friedlander, Lindsay and Wanee. Absent: Commissioner Gale. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.
 - 1.2. Art Minute. Commissioner Barrett's Art Minute featured the teleidoscope designed and built for the Jesus Center by artist Gregg Payne. Gregg Payne and Bill Such, Director of the Jesus Center, were both in attendance.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA**.
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes**. The Commission approved (6-0-1, Commissioner Gale absent) the minutes of the December 13, 2006, January 17, 2007, and February 14, 2007 meetings.
-

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1 **Consideration of TOT Funding Recommendation Process**. The Commission reviewed the TOT Arts Funding recommendation process and discussed how it would like to conduct the two April funding recommendation meetings. Included with the agenda were copies of the applications and eligibility criteria for the 2007-08 TOT Arts Funding process.

Art Projects Coordinator (APC) Gardner suggested that the Commission discuss how it wishes to organize its April 4, 2007 meeting given the receipt of 20 mini-grant applications and the Commission's policy to interview each applicant. A motion by Commissioner Wanee to interview all organizations and mini-grant applicants and allocate no funds at the meeting of April 4, was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay. Chair Friedlander offered an amendment to the motion to include that the amount of additional funding, if any, allocated toward mini-grants would be determined at the April 4 meeting. The amendment was accepted and the motion carried, 5-1-1 (Commissioner Barrett voting no; Commissioner Gale absent).

Commissioner Lindsay moved that upon approval of a mini-grant proposal, the full amount requested by each applicant be approved in full, or not at all. Commissioner Barrett offered an amendment to the motion to notify all mini-grant applicants of this policy prior to consideration of their applications. The amendment was accepted and Commissioner Wanee seconded the motion which carried, 6-0-1 (Commissioner Gale absent).

Chair Friedlander requested that at a future meeting, the Commission consider adding language to the funding application stating that applicant's attendance at the funding meetings is mandatory.

By consensus, the Commission agreed to table the Oak Way Sculpture Panel Selection Committee recommendation and artist's presentation to its May meeting.

APC Gardner reported that the Finance Committee would consider proposed formula changes for Community Organization Funding at its March 28, 2007 meeting, and that its recommendation would be before the City Council on April 3, 2007. The Commission requested that APC Gardner send an email on April 4, 2007 outlining the action taken by the City Council on this item.

- 3.2. **Report on Orientation and Development of Commission 2007 and 2008 Calendar Years Work Plan**. The Commission discussed the development of a 2007 and 2008 Work Plan to be submitted to the City Council for review and approval in May 2007. The discussion will include a review of the purpose of the Arts Commission as defined by the City Municipal Code, a review of the Commission's mission statement, discussion of priorities established by Council, a prioritization of goals and projects,

and the new agenda format. With the agenda, the Commission was provided a copy of the Work Plan forms that will be submitted to the Council. The Commission scheduled a future workshop for the purpose of developing the Work Plan.

Chair Friedlander reported that each Committee should be discussing its priorities for a the 2007 and 2008 Calender Year Work Plan and that an ad hoc committee consisting of himself and Commissioner Barrett had been formed for the purpose of including Commissioner Barrett's input. By consensus, the Commission agreed to meet in a special workshop session, at 4:00 p.m. or later on May 9, 2007, with City Clerk Debbie Presson as facilitator, to develop the final Plan which will be forwarded to Council for consideration.

The Commission discussed the new agenda order and the placement of Business From the Floor at the end of the agenda. Chair Friedlander requested that this discussion be continued at a future meeting, and Commissioner Lindsay suggested that the topic be considered at the sub-committee level.

4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission's information. No action was taken on any of the items.
 - A. **Committee Reports.** Committees which met since the last meeting reported on their activities.
 - (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report. Commissioner Lindsay reported that the Committee reviewed the Work Plan guidelines and will continue its discussion of the development of the Work Plan.
 - (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report. Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee worked on the first three steps of the Work Plan guidelines and began brainstorming priorities and goals.
 - (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report. Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee had not met but was scheduled to meet on March 15, 2007, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
 - B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported as follows:
 - (1) The contract with Owen Gabbert for the creation of the Heritage Elm Sculpture will be signed on March 15, 2007. The installation of the sculpture should take place in September.
 - (2) The Oak Way Park sculpture models are available for public viewing at the offices of the Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD), 545 Vallombrosa Avenue. The Selection Panel will meet to make its recommendation on March 26, 2007, at 4:00 p.m., and the Arts Commission will consider the recommendation at its May 9, 2007 meeting. Commissioner Lindsay requested that questionnaires provided for public comment at future displays include a question asking how the individual heard about the public comment period.

Commissioner Barrett asked that APC Gardner contact the City's Information Systems department and inquire whether it is possible to track hits to the City Arts web pages to allow the Commission to determine what may cause web traffic to increase.
 - C. Proposal dated 3/07/07, from Maria Phillips, Dolores Mitchell, and Giovanna Jackson for support of Art First Saturday Artwalk. Commissioner Wanee requested that this item be agendized for the April 4, 2007 meeting.
5. **Business from the Floor.** None.
6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of April 4, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order. Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, Wanee, and Chair Friedlander. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** The Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the March 14, 2007 meeting.
-

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None.

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1 **Report on Available Revenue for Fiscal Year 2007-08 Arts Funding in the Community Organization Funding Program.** At its April 3, 2007 meeting, the City Council reviewed a Finance Committee recommendation on the amount of baseline revenue for arts funding in the community organization funding program for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Staff provided a verbal report on the total amount of baseline revenue approved by Council for Fiscal Year 2007-08 funding in the arts category, which was \$141,330.
- 3.2 **Consideration of Applications for City of Chico Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Arts Funding - Fiscal Year 2007-08.** At its March 14, 2007 meeting, the Commission approved a recommendation to review all arts applications, (with allocations to be made for arts organizations and mini-grants at the Arts Commission's April 18th meeting); approved a motion that mini-grant allocations for Fiscal Year 2007-08 would be on an all or nothing basis (by copy of this agenda, all applicants were advised of this action); and, the Commission determined (due to the large number of mini-grant applicants this year) it would recommend any additional funding to be allocated for mini-grants beyond the Council approved policy of \$10,000 at tonight's meeting.
 - A. **Review of Applications.** The Commission reviewed the arts applications from arts organizations, arts programs, and individual artists seeking mini-grants for 2007-08 fiscal year funding. All arts applicants presented their applications and responded to Commission questions.
 - B. **Review and Recommendations Regarding Council-Adopted Arts Category Allocations.** The Commission considered whether it wished to recommend that more than \$10,000 be allocated for mini-grant funding this year.

Chair Friedlander moved to recommend that the allocation for mini-grant funding be increased to \$16,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wanee and failed, 3-4.

Commissioner Wanee moved to recommend that the allocation for mini-grant funding be increased to \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Chair Friedlander and failed, 3-4.

Commissioner Gale moved to recommend that the allocation for mini-grant funding be increased up to, but not in excess of, \$23,000. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Atkins and carried, 4-3; Commissioners Crawford, Friedlander, and Wanee opposed.

The Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 18, 2007 to vote on the funding recommendations for non-profit arts organizations, emerging arts organizations, art programs with fiscal receivers, and mini-grant applicants.

- 3.3 **Consideration of a Request for City Funding of Marketing Related to the First Saturday ArtWalk Event.** The Commission reviewed a proposal submitted by the directors of Avenue 9 Gallery requesting that the City fund the rental of a trolley and purchase advertising for marketing the First Saturday ArtWalk. Included with this agenda were copies of a letter dated March 27, 2007 from the proponents that included additional information. The directors of Avenue 9 Gallery were in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Barrett moved to recommend that \$6,000 be allocated to sponsor the First Saturday ArtWalk for one year. Commissioner Wane seconded the motion. Chair Friedlander offered a friendly amendment to decrease the allocation to \$3,000. The amendment was accepted and the motion carried, 7-0.

4. **Reports and Communications.**

A. **Committee Reports.** Due to time constraints, Committees reports were not given.

- (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report - none
- (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report - none
- (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report - none

B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** - none

5. **Business from the Floor.** None

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 12:47 a.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Arts Project Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of April 18, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order. Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, Wanee, and Chair Friedlander. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.** No items.
-

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1. **Recommendations for Arts Allocations for 2007- 08 Fiscal Year Funding.** At its April 4, 2007 meeting, the Commission heard from all arts applicants. At tonight's meeting, the Commission formulated recommendations to the City Council for funding arts organizations and individual artists in the mini-grant category for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Included with this agenda was the additional information requested by the Commission at its April 4 meeting regarding the Open Arts program. Funding recommendations from tonight's meeting will be considered by the City Council at its June 5, 2007 meeting. Because all applicants were given an opportunity to answer Commission questions at the April 4, 2007 meeting, additional information was accepted only at the request of the Commission. All applicants were provided with a copy of this agenda.

A motion by Commissioner Wanee and seconded by Commissioner Lindsay to recommend that the following mini-grant artists be fully funded, was unanimously approved.

| <u>Mini-Grant Artists</u> | <u>Funding Recommendation</u> |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Anna Bodan | \$ 1,500 |
| Janice Hofman | \$ 1,500 |
| Robin Indar | \$ 2,000 |
| Christine Jennings | \$ 2,000 |
| August Kube | \$ 1,000 |
| Tanya Mullen | \$ 2,000 |
| Gordy Ohliger | \$ 2,000 |
| Mabrie Ormes | \$ 2,000 |
| Gregg Payne | \$ 2,000 |
| Rosemary Quinn | \$ 2,000 |
| Julie Shaw | \$ 2,000 |
| Coby Walters-Fournier | \$ 500 |
| Total | \$20,500 |

A motion by Commissioner Crawford and seconded by Commissioner Atkins to recommend that the following emerging organizations be funded with the amounts as listed below, was unanimously approved.

| <u>Emerging Organizations</u> | <u>Funding Recommendation</u> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chico Cabaret | \$ 8,237 |
| Chico Theater Company | \$ 7,808 |
| Open Arts (CCY) | \$ 5,522 |
| North State Symphony | \$ 6,064 |
| Total | \$27,631 |

A motion by Commissioner Wanee and seconded by Commissioner Crawford to recommend that the following established organizations be funded with the amounts as listed below, was approved 6-1, Commissioner Barrett opposed.

| <u>Established Organizations</u> | <u>Funding Recommendation</u> |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1078 Gallery, Inc. | \$11,526 |
| Blue Room | \$15,120 |
| Chico Art Center | \$12,714 |
| Children's Choir of Chico | \$ 9,628 |
| Ensemble Theatre | \$13,572 |
| Friends of the Arts | \$14,960 |
| Friends of the Chico Community Ballet | \$12,680 |
| Total | \$90,199 |
| Grand Total | \$117,830 |

4. **Business from the Floor.**
5. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The Arts Commission will meet on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1, to discuss its 2007 and 2008 Work Plan, and a regular meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of May 9, 2007 – 4:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

Mission Statement: “Excellence in the fine arts is a reflection of the health and quality of life in a community. The purpose of the Arts Commission is to serve as an advocate for the arts and as a partner in the community's artistic and cultural development. Visual, performing and literary art programs should be designed to encourage the active participation of all citizens in this valuable aspect of their daily lives.”

1. Call to Order. Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, Wanee, and Chair Friedlander. Absent: None. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.
 - 1.2. By consensus, the Commission determined to move the Art Minute to the regular agenda.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** Commissioner Wanee moved to approved the minutes of the April 4, 2007 and April 18, 2007 meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay and approved unanimously.
-

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Lindsay.

- 3.1 **Development of the Arts Commission Biennial 2006 - 2008 Work Plan.** The Commission developed its Arts Commission Biennial 2006 and 2008 Work Plan which will be submitted to the City Council for review and approval. The discussion included a review of the purpose of the Arts Commission as defined by the City Municipal Code, a review of the Commission's mission statement, discussion of priorities established by Council, and a prioritization of goals and projects. With this agenda, the Commission was provided with a copy of the Work Plan forms that will be submitted to the Council. City Clerk Debbie Presson was present and facilitated the development of the Work Plan.

The Arts Commission took break at 6:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

- 3.2 **Review of Recommendation from Oak Way Park Sculpture Project Selection Panel.** By memorandum dated May 3, 2007, Art Projects Coordinator Gardner forwarded the recommendation of the Oak Way Park Sculpture Project Selection Panel. The Panel recommended the proposal submitted by David Brown. The memorandum also included background information regarding the project, the selection procedures, and a copy of the proposal. The model for the proposed sculpture was available for viewing at this meeting. The artist and a member of the Selection Panel were in attendance and answered questions regarding the proposed sculpture and the Panel's recommendation. Commissioner Wanee moved to approve the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barrett and was approved unanimously.

4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission's information.

A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.

- (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report. None
- (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report. Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee reviewed the Work Plan and heard a report regarding Artoberfest 2007 from Debra Lucero.
- (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report. Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee is continuing its work to revise the Policy.

B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** Art Projects Coordinator reported on the progress of the following projects: Heritage Elm Sculpture Project, Downtown Bench Project, Trolley Mural in City Plaza, Public Art Brochure, Forest Avenue Median Project, and the Santa Bench Project.

5. **Business from the Floor.** None

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Arts Projects Coordinator



City of Chico
NOTICE OF CANCELLATION
of
Arts Commission
June 13, 2007 Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the June 13, 2007 regular meeting of the Arts Commission of the City of Chico has been cancelled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Arts Commission is July 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1 of the Council Chamber Building at 421 Main Street.

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

Dated: June 13, 2007

Distribution:

Council (7)
City Clerk
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
APC
ASD
Annalisa Dillard/Website Posting
Elisa Allen
Post

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of July 11, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

Mission Statement: “Excellence in the fine arts is a reflection of the health and quality of life in a community. The purpose of the Arts Commission is to serve as an advocate for the arts and as a partner in the community's artistic and cultural development. Visual, performing and literary art programs should be designed to encourage the active participation of all citizens in this valuable aspect of their daily lives.”

1. Call to Order. Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, Wane, Chair Friedlander.
Absent: Commissioner Barrett.
 - 1.2. The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Atkins
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.** All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and are enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a member of the Commission or a member of the public. Items removed will be heard immediately following the approval of the Consent Agenda.
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wane and approved unanimously.
-

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - if any

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1 **Review of Proposal by Proponents of a Luminary Art Bench Honoring Franz Cilensek.** At its December 13, 2006, meeting, the Arts Commission recommended that the Chico Redevelopment Agency approve the direct purchase of a luminary art bench in honor of Santa Claus/Franz Cilensek at a cost of \$5,000. The Chico Redevelopment Agency approved the Commission's recommendation at its June 5, 2007, meeting and allocated \$5,000 in funding for the direct purchase of the bench. Family and friends of Franz Cilensek presented their proposal for the design of the bench and answered questions regarding the proposal. Commissioner Gale moved to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindsay.
- 3.2 **Development of the Arts Commission Biennial 2007 and 2008 Work Plan.** At its May 9, 2007 meeting, the Commission began the process of developing its Arts Commission Biennial 2007 and 2008 Work Plan which will be submitted to the City Council for review and approval. The Commission reviewed the work to date on the Plan and drafted its final recommendations.
4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items are provided for the Commission's information. No action can be taken on any of the items unless the Commission agrees to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.
 - A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that have met since the last meeting will report on their activities.
 - (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report - Commissioner Gale reported that the Committee discussed the 2007 Window Art Project.
 - (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report - Commissioner Wane reported that the Committee discussed 2007 Artoberfest and the Arts Awareness Campaign that Commissioner Atkins is developing.
 - (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report - none

B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** - Art Projects Coordinator reported on the progress of the following projects: Arttoberfest 2007, Commission attendance at the Americans for the Arts Conference in Las Vegas, the Downtown Art Benches, and the invitation from the Western League of Cities Conference to be a presenter.

5. **Business from the Floor.** None.

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator

CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of August 8, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

Mission Statement: “Excellence in the fine arts is a reflection of the health and quality of life in a community. The purpose of the Arts Commission is to serve as an advocate for the arts and as a partner in the community’s artistic and cultural development. Visual, performing and literary art programs should be designed to encourage the active participation of all citizens in this valuable aspect of their daily lives.”

1. Call to Order. Vice Chair Waneë called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Commissioners present: Atkins, Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay and Waneë. Absent: Chair Friedlander. Staff members present: Art Projects Coordinator (APC) Gardner and Administrative Assistant Dillard.
 - 1.2. The Art Minute was presented by Commissioner Gale.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** Minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2007 were approved 6-0-1, Chair Friedlander absent.
-

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1 **Discussion Regarding Nominations for Mayor’s Awards for Achievement in the Arts as Part of the October 2007 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 annually recognize no more than three individuals, businesses and/or non-profit organizations having made significant contributions to the arts in the Chico community. A list of previous award recipients was included in the staff report.

The Commission selected Paula Busch, Steve Seidenglantz, and Ensemble Theatre of Chico - for its Shakespeare in the Park productions, as this year’s recipients of the Mayor’s Awards for Achievement in the Arts.

- 3.2 **Discussion Regarding Community Organization Funding in the Arts Category.** The Commission discussed the funding and application process. Copies of the funding criteria and application forms were provided with the staff report. A memorandum from Information Services Director Lynn McEnespy was also included with the agenda.

By consensus, the Commission made the following recommendations to City Council regarding the application form and funding process:

Application Process:

- A. Handwritten applications will not be forwarded to the Arts Commission for consideration.
- B. Applications will be revised to include a question inquiring how the applicant became aware of the funding opportunity.
- C. The applications will be made available online and will be interactive.
- D. Completed applications will be available to the Commission in electronic format.
- E. Outreach efforts to announce the funding opportunity will be increased.
- F. A statement will be added to the mini-grant application to the effect that the work must be produced or performed during the fiscal year in which it is being funded.

- G. Two additional questions will be included in the mini-grant application:
 - (1) What is the artistic intention of the content of the work or program?
 - (2) Describe how this project will promote your growth as an artist.
- H. Question No. 6 (*Explain the effect on the project/program if your request is not fully funded*) will be removed from the mini-grant application.
- I. The matrix/spreadsheet used during Commission meetings will list funding applicants in the same order in which their applications are filed in the Commissioner's funding binders.

Formulation of Recommendations:

- A. Two meetings will be held to review applications and make funding recommendations. Mini-grants will be reviewed and selected at the first meeting. Mini-grant applicants will be interviewed at the first funding meeting and up to 15% of the total allocation will be recommended.
 - B. At the second funding meeting, recommendations in the established organizations category will be made first, followed by the emerging organizations category. Established organizations will be funded with 75% of the remaining funds and emerging organizations with the remaining 25%.
 - C. Meeting attendance by applicants or arts organization representatives is mandatory for each Commission meeting where applications are to be considered.
4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission's information.
- A. **Committee Reports.** Committees having met since the last meeting reported on their activities.
 - (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report. Commissioner Lindsay reported that the Committee matched artists with businesses in preparation for the Window Art Project.
 - (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report. Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that Debra Lucero of Friends of the Arts presented an update on Artoberfest planning, preparation, activities and events.
 - (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report. Commissioner Wane reported that the Committee is currently reviewing websites and write-ups from other areas.
 - B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** APC Gardner reported on the status of the Heritage Elm Project and the Forest Avenue Median Project.
5. **Business from the Floor.** Pat Macias introduced herself as the new Director of 1078 Gallery and announced upcoming events at the gallery.
6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1.

Mary Gardner
Art Projects Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of September 12, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, and Chair Friedlander. Absent: Commissioners Atkins and Wane. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner.
 - 1.2. Art Minute. A motion by Commissioner Barrett to move the Art minute to item 3.2 was seconded by Commissioner Crawford and unanimously approved. However, the Art Minute was not presented.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
 - 2.1. **Approval of Minutes.** A motion by Commissioner Lindsay to approve the minutes of August 8, 2007 was seconded by Commissioner Gale and unanimously approved.
-

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA - None

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

3.1 **Discussion Regarding the Commonpath Website.**

At its June 20, 2006 meeting the City Council allocated \$10,891 to Friends of the Arts for the development of the Commonpath website. Weston Thomson, who designed and manages the site, presented the final website and answered questions regarding its future applications and significance for the arts community.

3.2 **Report Regarding Chico Artoberfest Palio 2007.**

Debra Lucero, Executive Director for Friends of the Arts, reported on the upcoming Chico Artoberfest and Chico Palio 2007 events coordinated by Friends of the Arts.

3.3 **Report Regarding the Americans for the Arts 2007 Conference.**

Commissioners Friedlander, Crawford and Gale, and APC Gardner reported on their attendance at the Americans for the Arts 2007 Conference held June 1-3, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

3.4 **Recommendations Regarding Community Organization Funding in the Arts Category.**

At its August 8, 2007 meeting, the Commission made several recommendations regarding the funding and application process. By copy of the minutes of the August 8, 2007 meeting, the Art Projects Coordinator forwarded those recommendations to the Commission for approval. By consensus, the Commission added the following: that the Mini-Grant project or performance must be an original performance or work, and that recommendations for Organizations in the Emerging Category will be funded with up to 25% of the remaining funds following recommendations for organizations in the Established Category.

4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission's information. No action was taken on any of the items unless the Commission agreed to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.

A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that have met since the last meeting will report on their activities.

- (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report - Commissioner Gale reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2007 and discussed the 2007 Window Art Project.
- (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report - None
- (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report - Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee continues its progress on revising the Policy.

B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** - APC Gardner reported that the Forest Avenue Median Art Project Selection Panel met to review Phase II of the Project, and that she made a presentation regarding the City's public art program at the League of California Cities Conference on September 7, 2007.

5. **Business from the Floor.** None.

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Arts Project Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of October 10, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order.
Chair Friedlander called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - 1.1. Roll Call.
Commissioners Present: Barrett, Crawford, Gale, Lindsay, Waneé and Chair Friedlander. Absent: Commissioner Atkins. Staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner, Administrative Assistant Dillard.
 - 1.2. Art Minute.
Commissioner Waneé presented the Art Minute which featured the “Javelinas on Parade” event which took place in Sedona, Arizona.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
No items.
-

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.2 **Review of Recommendations from the Forest Avenue Median Art Project Selection Panel.**
By memorandum dated 10/05/07, Art Projects Coordinator Gardner forwarded the recommendation of the Forest Avenue Median Art Project Selection Panel regarding placement of this art work. The Panel recommended the proposal by the team of Cal Ling and Greg Melton which consists of three glass and metal “Spirit Flags” ranging from four to six feet tall to be installed in a median on Forest Avenue between 20th Street and Notre Dame Blvd. As part of the project, the team completed “Guidelines for the Placement of Art in Traffic Medians” which was included with the agenda along with the Proposal and the original Request for Qualifications. Artist Cal Ling summarized the Guidelines and presented the “Spirit Flags” proposal. Aislinn Race, a member of the Selection Panel was present and summarized the Selection Panel’s process and answered questions regarding the recommendation. Panel members Richard Frey and Karen Hilgemann were also in attendance. Commissioner Lindsay moved to forward the Selection Panel’s recommendation to the City Council for approval. Commissioner Barrett seconded the motion which carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Atkins absent.
- 3.3 **Presentation of the Results of the Public Art Survey.** Summarized results of a Public Art Survey were presented to the Commission by Jennifer Oman, a member of the citizen’s committee which conducted the survey. Members of the committee also included Gregg Payne, Greg Tropea, Daniel Donnelly and Debra Moon. A copy of the Summary of Spring 2007 Online Chico Public Art Survey/Poll was provided to the Commission with the agenda.
- 3.4 **Chico Open Board Art (COBA) Project.** At its 08/07/07 meeting, the City Council referred a letter and proposal from Daniel Donnelly of Butte Art and Design, dated 6/26/07, regarding a proposal for COBA. The letter was provided to the Commission with the agenda. Mr. Donnelly was present at tonight’s meeting to discuss his proposal. The Commission requested that Art Projects Coordinator Gardner explore the possibility of funding the project with Redevelopment funds. Commissioner Waneé made a motion to express support for the COBA project. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gale and carried, 6-0-1, Commissioner Atkins absent.
4. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission’s information. No action was taken on any of the items unless the Commission agreed to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.
 - A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.
 - (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report - Commissioner Crawford reported that the Committee met on Tuesday October 9, 2007 and discussed its recommendations for the 2008-10 Capital Art Projects, and the Committee’s future goals, priorities and work program.

- (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report - Commissioner Friedlander reported that the Committee met on October 2, 2007 and discussed Arttoberfest 2007 and plans for Arttoberfest 2008.
- (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report - Commissioner Waneer reported that the Committee continues to make progress with its revision of the Policy.

B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** APC Gardner reported on: (1) the Mayor's Awards which were awarded on September 29, 2007 as part of the Chico Palio kick-off and Annie Awards; (2) the installation of the Downtown Benches and Pedestals Project; and (3) the reception scheduled for John Peters whose photographic art work is currently on display in the Municipal Building. The reception will be held Monday, October 15, 2007 from 5:00-6:30.

5. **Business from the Floor.** None.

6. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:30. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Art Projects Coordinator

**CITY OF CHICO ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of November 14, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.
Chico Municipal Center – 421 Main Street – Conference Room No.1

1. Call to Order.
 - 1.1. Roll Call. Present: Commissioners Atkins, Crawford, Lindsay, Wanee, and Chair Friedlander. Absent: Commissioners Barrett and Gale. Staff present: Arts Project Coordinator Gardner.
 - 1.2. Art Minute - None.
 2. **CONSENT AGENDA.** None.
-

3. **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 3.1. **Presentations by 2006-07 Mini Grant Recipients.** Artists Mabrie Ormes and Christine Jennings, recipients of 2006-07 Community Organization Funding in the Arts Mini-Grant Category, presented their projects at tonight's meeting.
- 3.2. **Reports and Communications.** The following reports and communications items were provided for the Commission's information. No action was taken on any of the items unless the Commission agreed to include them on a subsequent posted agenda.
 - A. **Committee Reports.** Committees that met since the last meeting reported on their activities.
 - (1) Art in Public Places Committee Report - Commissioner Lindsay reported that the Committee met on November 6, 2007 and continued its discussion regarding its recommendations for the 2008-10 Capital Art Projects which will be on the Art Commission's December 12, 2007 agenda.
 - (2) Outreach and Education Committee Report - None
 - (3) Public Art Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee Report - Commissioner Wanee reported that the Committee continues its review of the Policy.
 - B. **Art Projects Coordinator Report.** APC Gardner reported that Commissioner Barrett had resigned from the Arts Commission.

APC Gardner also reported that the Commission's recommendation regarding Daniel Donnelly's proposal for the Chico Open Board Art Project was approved by the City Council at its meeting of November 6, 2007.
4. **Business from the Floor.** None.
5. **Adjournment and Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next Arts Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Mary Gardner, Arts Project Coordinator