

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - January 10, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on January 10, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Lucero Austin, Nichols, Spangler, White, and Wrazel. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

WELCOME NEW ART COMMISSIONERS

Chair Busch introduced new commissioners Jennifer Spangler and Claudia Wrazel.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner White. It was announced that the February art minute would be Chair Busch's responsibility

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve the minutes of 12/13/00 was seconded and unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2001 CALENDAR YEAR

Pursuant to Section 1003.A. of the City Charter, the Commission is required to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair annually. Nominations for Chair were opened. Commissioner Lucero Austin nominated Chair Busch for Chair and the vote was unanimously carried. Commissioner Barrett nominated Commissioner Lucero Austin for Vice Chair and the vote was unanimously carried.

REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Jim Goodwin, CEO, Chico Chamber of Commerce reported on last year's arts activities and events. He said that the arts portion of the Taste of Chico will be expanded this year and that the *Where for Art Thou* brochure will be updated and made more useful.

REPORT ON COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLATION OF MARK BULWINKLE SCULPTURES

At its 12/13/00 meeting, the Commission directed staff to research costs associated with the installation and lighting of the twenty metal sculptures by Mark Bulwinkle. Staff reported that it would cost \$16,000.00 to purchase and install the models. A motion by Commissioner Spangler to form an ad hoc committee was seconded. The committee will research possible sites and report back to the Commission at its February meeting. Chair Busch and Commissioner's Spangler and White volunteered to be on his committee. The committee asked that a staff person be involved to

help with safety and maintenance issues. The motion passed unanimously

2001 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

Chair Busch outlined how the planning session would proceed. Each Commissioner introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of what he or she would like to see accomplished by the Commission. Staff then gave a report on the Commission's policies and procedures and gave a historical and current overview of the Arts Commission, the Public Art Program, and the T.O.T. arts funding.

Commissioner Barrett recommended that the Commission continue the master plan and the rest of the planning session at the next meeting. By consensus, the Commission agreed that at the February meeting they would go over the Master Plan, the goals and priority list, assign subcommittees and develop the calendar for the upcoming year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported on the status of the airport sidewalk art project. She also reported that artist Eddy Martinez-Hood is working with the architect on the design of a transit center at Salem and 2nd Streets. She reported that the Ringel Park mural should be installed next week, the Park Avenue Art Project should be installed in September or October, and the fountain art project call for artists is being designed and will be distributed soon.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Mary Andrews regarding Diamond Alley was received by staff and it was agreed that it would be put on the March agenda.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff reported on upcoming art events in the community.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

CHANGE IN COMMISSION MEETING TIME

Notice is hereby given that the City Manager has approved the Commission's request to change it's meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. effective with the February 14, 2001 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Date: _____

MARY GARDNER
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - February 14, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on February 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Spangler. Absent: Commissioners Barrett and White. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Chair Busch. It was announced that Commissioner Nichols would be responsible for next month's art minute.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

By consensus, the Commission moved the COBA review agenda item to later in the agenda.

REPORT ON AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING REGARDING
INSTALLATION OF MARK BULWINKLE SCULPTURES

The ad hoc committee, consisting of Chair Busch and Commissioner Spangler, reported its development of a list of criteria for locating the Bulwinkle sculptures and its investigation of possible locations. After investigating the Chico Mall, Farmers Market, Target Mall, Forest Avenue and Park Avenue as possible locations for the sculptures, the committee recommended placing the sculptures at the entrance to the Chico Mall on 20th Street. Staff reported that she had been directed by the committee to meet with the Chico Mall manager to determine the interest level and that the Mall manager indicated interest and requested a formal proposal. Commissioner Lucero Austin made a motion that staff and the ad hoc committee proceed with the project by providing the Chico Mall manager with a proposal outlining specifics of installation and funding. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner distributed pictures of the basalt rock to be used in the Park Avenue Gateway Art Project. She reported that the sidewalk art at the Chico Municipal Art is near completion and that the

Ringel Park mural was installed last week for which she is organizing a dedication for that within the next few weeks. She reported that the Airport Art Project contract with James Russell has been signed and that a Call for Artists on the Fountain Art Project was mailed last week with a deadline of March 16, 2001.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A certificate of appreciation from Memo Keswick, who was funded out of the T.O.T. art fund to play music at senior care facilities, was received and copies were distributed. The Commission asked that this and future thank you's be displayed somewhere in the Municipal Center. A resignation letter from Commissioner Claudia Wrazel was received. Staff reported that the vacancy will be on the March 6, 2001 City Council agenda and that an appointment could be made at that time.

CONTINUATION OF THE 2001 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

Due to the length of tonight's meeting agenda and the fact that two commissioners were absent, it was the consensus of the Commission that this item be continued to March's meeting.

CHICO OPEN BOARD ART (COBA) REVIEW

Jeff Goolsby and Geno Lucich of Mountain Valley Arts reported on the results COBA 2000 and presented a proposal for COBA 2001. A slide show of last year's COBA artists and the four permanently installed art works was presented. Mr. Goolsby and Mr. Lucich then answered Commission questions regarding maintenance of the permanent art works, selection of the final four works, and the budget. Commissioner Lucero Austin made a motion recommending full funding of \$30, 574 with the stipulation that Mountain Valley Arts provide an income statement and itemized in kind donations for COBA 2000 and a projected income statement for COBA 2001. The motion passed 3 to 1 with Commissioner Spangler voting no.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Spangler reported on meeting with Jim Goodwin of the Chamber of Commerce and Commissioner Barrett. They discussed updating the *Where fore Art Thou* brochure and enhancing the web site.

Commissioner Lucero Austin reported on travel writers coming to Butte County and the possibility of the Commission hosting a reception or a tour of public art projects.

A subcommittee of Chair Busch, Commissioner Nichols, and Commissioner Lucero Austin agreed to meet before the Commission's March 14th meeting to discuss funding tourism.

Commissioner Nichols suggested developing an executive committee to preview items proposed for upcoming agendas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Date: _____

MARY GARDNER
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - March 14, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on February 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Spangler. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

Due to scheduling difficulties, Commissioner Nichols requested that he present the art minute next month.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

It was recommended that Item 13. be moved ahead to Item 6. on tonight's agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Austin's motion to approve the minutes of the January and February meetings as submitted was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Mary Andrews requesting that the Diamond Alley Art project be reconsidered was reviewed. Mary Andrews was present to speak about the project and to ask that it be revisited when the Diamond Hotel is finished. She is proposing using diamond shaped ceramic tiles decorated with children's drawings to be placed on the existing columns. She suggested that each column reflect a different season and that an archway be constructed between the columns which would read Diamond Alley.

Staff gave the history of the Commission's involvement with the project. The Commission suggested that this project be coordinated with the time line of the developer, noting that it would most likely be several years before the Diamond Hotel project would be completed. By consensus the Commission agreed to refer the project to the Art in Public Places Committee who would develop it further.

FOUNTAIN ART PROJECT SELECTION PANEL

Staff presented a list of prospective panel members to Commission for approval. The seven member panel consists of Debra Cannon, Bob Maloney, Tim Morehouse, Barbi Boeger, Beverly Wise, Marilyn Sousa, and George Rafe. The motion to approve the art selection panel by Commissioner Spangler was seconded and unanimously approved.

ESTABLISH ORDER TO REVIEW 2001-2002 FUNDING REQUESTS FROM ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Organization names were randomly drawn by Commissioners to establish the order in which organizations are to appear to Commission to answer questions at the April 4, 2001 T.O.T. arts funding meeting.

CONTINUATION OF THE 2001 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

The Commission reviewed the Master Plan. Each goal was discussed and evaluated as to what has been achieved to date. The Commission then revisited it's list of work program goals which had been provided at the 2/14/01 meeting.

The Commission agreed that it's priority #1 project and goal for this year should be the website, because it would accomplish a number of the work program goals. To develop an efficient website, Commissioner Spangler suggested applying to California Assembly of Local Arts Agencies (CALAA) where a \$1500 grant is available for website projects. It was the consensus of the Commission that Commissioner Austin will work with staff on completing the application.

Other than the website, Commissioner Barrett stated that her top priorities would be Art in Public Places and development of the old municipal building. Chair Busch stated that her top priorities would be public art projects and the ARB liaison. Commissioner Austin stated that her top priorities would be public art and the old municipal building. Commissioner Spangler stated that her top priority would be to see an increase in public art. Commissioner Nichols stated that his top priorities would be education programs and Friends of the Arts.

There was discussion as to the interpretation of the City Council's direction regarding the inclusion of community members on ad hoc committees and the Commissioners' role in those committees. The Commission directed staff to provide the Commission with the details of the Council's direction and then the Commission will review the report and decide whether to bring it up to the Council again.

By consensus, the Commission made a recommendation that the City Council at it's 4/3/01 meeting, fill at least one of the two current vacancies on the Arts Commission. The Commission's concern is that the two vacancies, in addition to a conflict of interest on the part of Commissioner Lucero Austin, increases the possibility of not having a quorum for the 4/4/01 and 4/18/01 T.O.T. funding meetings.

It was decided that the Outreach and Education Committee would consist of Commissioners Austin, Barrett, and Spangler. Their first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17th at 11:00 a.m.

It was decided that the Arts in Public Places Committee would consist of Chair Busch, Commissioner Nichols, and the next appointed commissioner. Their first meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported on the status of the airport sidewalk art and reminded Commissioners of the Ann Pierce Art Reception on Thursday, March 22nd at 5:00 p.m. As previously requested by the Commission, staff distributed a list of arts funding sources and restrictions, and RDA maps. A number of Commissioners expressed interest in attending the June 7th Congress of the Arts in Sacramento. They asked if conference money would be available for this.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Date: _____

MARY GARDNER
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - April 4, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on April 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Lucero Austin and Spangler. Absent: Commissioner Nichols and two vacancies. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner. Also present were the representatives of the 14 organizations.

Due to a lack of a quorum, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Date: _____

MARY GARDNER
Art Projects Coordinator

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - April 18, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on April 18, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Spangler. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

Discussion and Recommendation Regarding Applications for 2001-02 Fiscal Year Arts Funding.

The primary purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide the Commission with an opportunity to discuss the applications from arts organizations for 2001-2002 fiscal year funding and to vote on recommendations for funding levels.

Commissioner's are requested to bring their binders containing the applications, the Commission's supplemental questionnaire and copies of the arts organization funding information sheet.

Commissioners are being provided with a memorandum dated 4/11/01 from Management Analyst Carroll transmitting additional information submitted by Theatre on the Inside Out.

Commissioners are also being provided with a memorandum and worksheet from staff outlining a possible way to utilize previously established criteria to review the applications.

Applicants for funding have been advised of this meeting in the event they wish to be in attendance. Since all applicants were given an opportunity to answer Commission questions at the 4/4/01 meeting, no additional information will be accepted at the meeting unless the Commission has additional questions.

Funding recommendations from tonight's meeting will be included in the 2001-02 proposed Annual Budget for consideration by the City Council at the June 5 , 2001 budget meeting.

Committee Reports.

Committees which have met since the last meeting will report on their activities.

Discussion Regarding Matters to be Discussed with the City Council at its 5/22/01 Budget Meeting with Boards and Commissions.

The Commission will identify and discuss those budget-related matters it desires to discuss with the City Council at the 5/22/01

meeting when the Council meets with its boards and commissions.

A copy of the City Clerk's 3/29/01 memorandum outlining the purpose and guidelines for this meeting has been provided to the Commission with the agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported on the

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - May 9, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on May 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Growdon, Lucero Austin, and Spangler. Absent: Commissioner Nichols. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Austin. It was announced that Commissioner Barrett would be responsible for next month's art minute.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Kathy Barrett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the minutes of 4/4/01 was seconded and unanimously approved.

REVIEW OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS 5/22/01 BUDGET MEETING WITH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The Commission decided to discuss two matters relating to the funding of community organizations: 1) the Council's policy to no longer allow organizations to apply in more than one category and 2) the concept of streamlining the application process. Art Projects Coordinator Gardner said that the Commission should also be prepared to answer possible Council questions as to why not all organizations were funded and questions regarding the \$10,000 that was set aside for promotions. Chair Busch would be available to address the question of organizations applying to two different funding categories. It was decided that Commissioner Barrett would be available at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the \$10,000 that was set aside for promotion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (T.O.T) FUNDING APPLICATION.

The Commission voiced concern about Council changes that may go into effect in the upcoming year, and about organizations being limited to applying to only one funding category. It was decided to hold a summit meeting June 14th and invite all the arts organizations for an informational gathering. This information will be used when the Commission discusses making changes to T.O.T. applications eligibility criteria and application. An ad hoc committee consisting of Commissioners Barrett and Lucero Austin was appointed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Barrett reported on the Outreach and Education Committee meeting. The committee is recommending that if the Council approves, the \$10,000 be set aside for promotions and used for an expanded community arts web site, updating the Commission's promotional video and an arts awareness weekend for art and travel writers.

Chair Busch reported on the Art in Public Places committee meeting. The committee discussed downtown benches, the Diamond Alley art project, and the possibility of an art work at the 20th Street Park.

Commissioner Spangler made motion that staff contact C.A.R.D. regarding the possibility of placing some public art in the 20th Street Park. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Commission asked Commissioner Growdon to attend the June 12, 2001 Arts in Public Places Committee meeting, as Commissioner Nichols has not been present for these committee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on the upcoming dedications of the Airport sidewalk art project and the Ringel Park mural project. She reported that the Park Avenue Art Project is on schedule, with John Young installing for two weeks in June. She also reported that the Fountain Art Project selection panel would be meeting on May 17 and May 31.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - June 13, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on June 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Commissioners Barrett, Growdon, Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Spangler. Absent: Chair Busch. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Barrett.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Lucero Austin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Spangler asked that the sentence on the 1st page before listing requirements #1 through #5 be changed to read "evaluation criteria" instead of "eligibility requirements." A motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the minutes of 4/18/01 with the changes was seconded and unanimously approved. A motion by Commissioner Growdon to approve the 5/9/01 minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

REVIEW MATTERS DISCUSSED AT CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING WITH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Commissioner Barrett reported on the discussion with the City Council regarding the Commission's concern regarding the Council's policy of limiting arts organization's ability to apply in only one funding category and the potential impact this policy has on the arts organizations who have an economic development/tourism component to their programs.

Commissioner Spangler reported on the discussion with Council regarding the Commission's desire to make changes to the TOT Arts Funding application to improve the application process and the review process. Council recommended that the Commission develop recommendations on both items and bring them to the Finance Committee.

It was the consensus of the Commission to develop its recommendation based on the meeting with arts organizations on July 18, 2001, the input from Council and the recommendations of the ad hoc committee.

FOUNTAIN ART PROJECT.

Staff reported that the Fountain Art Selection Panel did not select an artist for the project and is recommending that the project be reopened with a larger budget. They also recommended that the City undertake the retrofit of the plumbing rather than including it as part of the art project. Staff

reminded the Commission about the City's goal to decrease the fountain's maintenance and vandalism problems. She also stated that the Selection Panel discussed the possibility of including energy efficiency as part of the new criteria in the Call for Artists.

The Commission referred the item to Art in Public Places Committee and asked that a recommendation be developed utilizing the Selection Panel's recommendations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Commissioner Barrett reported that the Outreach and Education Committee met and continued the discussion regarding the promotional videos, the enhanced web site and the arts awareness weekend for arts and travel writers. She stated that arts organizations, artists, etc. may want to consider planning an event for the first weekend in November in order to be a part of the tentatively planned arts awareness weekend.

Commissioner Spangler reported on the Art in Public Places Committee. The Committee discussed the concept of art benches downtown and was able to look at the art benches in Sacramento that Council member Nguyen-Tan was referring to when he originally suggested the possibility of art benches. The Committee also discussed the possibility of placing sculptures at Depot Park. Staff will contact Dave Lawton of the Chico Art Center to discuss the concept further. The Chico Mall proposal for placement of the Bulwinkle art was rejected. The Committee will look into placing them at bus stops on Forest Avenue.

STAFF REPORTS.

Staff reported on the dedications of Ringel Park Art Project and the Airport Sidewalk Art Project. It was also reported that the Public/Private Public Art fund matching program was launched and five inquiries have been received.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on current and upcoming events in the community. The Commission scheduled the meeting of T.O.T. Arts Funding applicants for Wednesday, July 18th. The July 2, 2001 Outreach and Education Committee meeting was rescheduled for June 21st at 11:00 a.m. to plan the agenda for the meeting.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR.

Commissioner Spangler distributed a copy of an article discussing the importance of art for cities. She will mail a copy of this article to the Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - July 18, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on July 18, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch. Commissioners Barrett, Nichols, Roos and Spangler. Absent: Commissioners Growden and Lucero Austin. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Art Projects Coordinator Gardner

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement was read by Commissioner Nichols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the 6/13/01 minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF T.O.T. ARTS FUNDING FORUM AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Spangler reported that there were approximately 25 people at the forum and that almost all the organizations that are funded from the T.O.T arts funding category were represented. Each organization discussed its funding priorities and how the goals of the Arts Master Plan and tourism apply to the organization. The group discussed the application and suggested changes that would improve the applications. Then there was an opportunity for the group to express concerns and comments about the process. There was a request that the Commission hold a workshop for the organizations when next year's applications are available.

The Commission discussed dividing the available TOT funds into three categories. Up to \$10,000 would be set aside for individual artists and one time projects or programs. The remaining funds would be divided into two categories. 25% would be set aside for emerging organizations, for arts programs that are part of a non-arts organization and for arts organizations who are applying with a fiscal receiver. 75% would be set aside for stable arts organizations who have a 2 year track record and have non-profit status. Organizations in this category would be eligible to apply for two year funding.

By consensus the Commission directed the Outreach and Education Committee to draft a recommendation for the August 8 meeting using the input from the arts organizations, Cris Carroll, the City Council and the Commission. The Commission will review the draft recommendation and then invite the arts organizations to their September meeting where they will finalize the recommendation and forward it to Council for review in October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Busch reported that the Art in Public Places Committee discussed six public art projects. The Committee decided that the downtown art benches, depot park sculptures and Diamond Alley Art Project need more research before making a recommendation. The Committee is ready to make a recommendation on four projects: Sidewalk Art Project, Mark Bullwinkle Art Project and the Senator Theater tower. After discussion, Commissioner Barrett made a motion to recommend that \$6,000 be allocated to complete the Sidewalk Art Project designed by Patrick Collentine and Susan Larsen; that \$20,000 be allocated to install art works by Mark Bullwinkle at the bus stops on Forest Avenue in front of Winco and Walmart; that the Fountain Art Project be reopened with a new budget of \$55,000; and that \$20,000 be allocated as a contribution to the renovation of Senator Theater tower.

Commissioner Barrett left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that she is working out the date for the Park Avenue Art Project dedication with John Young; that the Airport Art Project by James Russell will be installed in September and that the Transit Center Project with artist Eddy Martinez Hood was approved by the Architectural Review Board.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

UPCOMING ARTS EVENTS

Staff reported on upcoming arts events sponsored by organizations funded by the City of Chico.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - August 8, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on August 8, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch, Commissioners Barrett, Lucero Austin, Growdon, and Roos (1 vacancy). Absent: Commissioner Nichols. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Chair Busch.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Growdon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the 7/18/01 minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION OF TOT ARTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Barrett reported on the changes to the T.O.T. arts funding application and eligibility process that the subcommittee is recommending. The Commission discussed the supplemental questionnaire in the application and by consensus decided that it should be eliminated. The narrative and mission statement section of the application were discussed and by consensus it was decided that, in addition, a request for a list of the board of directors would be included. The eligibility criteria and scoring system was discussed, and the Commission, by consensus, directed the committee to come back at the October meeting with recommendations about how many points should be assigned to each eligibility criteria.

DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC ART CONFERENCE OCTOBER 3-5, 2001

Staff reported on the public art conference that will be taking place October 3-5, 2001 in Seattle, WA at an estimated cost of \$1,000 per attendee. The Commission discussed the merits of the conference and the fact that there is only \$2,000 in the conference budget. A motion by Commissioner Barrett, that Chair Busch and Art Projects Coordinator Gardner attend the Public Art 101 conference, was seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Lucero Austin reported on the Outreach and Education Committee. The Committee is recommending setting aside \$4,000 to enhance the Commission's web page on the City site; \$3,000 to organize an arts awareness weekend for travel and culture writers; and up to \$3,000 to hire Procam Productions to produce a promotional video. Commissioner

Lucero Austin also reported that the Committee is working with the Chico Chamber of Commerce on updating the "Where Fore Art Thou" arts brochure.

Chair Busch reported on the Art in Public Places Committee. The Committee is continuing to discuss the downtown bench project and the Depot Park sculpture project. The Committee met with the Chico Unified School District Fine Art Specialists to discuss the Diamond Alley Art Project and reported that the specialists are very responsive to the project. The Committee also discussed the request from the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission to develop a mural project for the area where Highway 99 crosses lower park.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported that the Park Avenue Art Project dedication ceremony would take place on September 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m., that the Airport Art Project was progressing, a reception for the new rotating art exhibit featuring the art work by Steve Miranda Byer is scheduled for Thursday, September 20, 2001, and the Transit Center Project should be going out to bid in October.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Busch read the resignation letter from Commissioner Spangler.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported on current and upcoming events of the organizations that are funded from the T.O.T. arts funding.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Growdon noted an article in the Chico Enterprise Record by Steve Brown where he praised the City's public art projects.

ADJOURNMENT

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

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - September 12, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on September 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch, Commissioners Barrett, Growdon, Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Roos (1 vacancy). City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Growdon.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Roos .

DISCUSSION OF TOT ARTS FUNDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

The Commission reviewed the final recommendations of the subcommittee in regards to the T.O.T. arts funding application and eligibility criteria. Arts organizations had been mailed the draft recommendations along with an agenda for tonight's meeting. Commissioner Lucero Austin moved for approval of the recommendations to be forwarded with the following changes: direct and indirect services be clarified to make more sense to arts organizations; the issue of artistic merit be addressed in the scoring system; and a total of thirty five points be possible with scores between 4 and 7. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PLANS FOR OCTOBER 2001 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH ACTIVITIES AND MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

The Commission discussed plans for celebrating National Arts and Humanities Month. Chair Busch reported on the Window Art project and that the committee working on it is looking forward to a successful turnout this year. Staff reported that the Steve Miranda Byer reception had been moved to October 11, 2001 and by consensus, the Commission decided that would also be good time to give out the Mayor's Awards.

The Commission discussed its nominees for the Mayor's Awards. A motion by Commissioner Barrett to award to Jerril Dean Kopp, DNA, and Bruce Jans in collaboration with FOX30/UPN21, was seconded and unanimously approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Busch reported that the Art in Public Places Committee discussed the Window Art Project and the Diamond Alley Project. The Committee directed staff to contact local tile artist, Tom Malopsky, in regard to the possible budget for the Diamond Alley Project. The Committee is recommending that \$20,000 be allocated for a sculpture by a local artist in Depot Park. A motion by Commissioner Barrett to recommend to Council that \$20,000 be allocated for the Depot Park Art project was seconded and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Lucero Austin reported on the Outreach and Education Committee. The Arts Awareness weekend for travel and culture writers is scheduled for November 3 and 4 to coincide with the Chico Art Center Studio tour. The "Where Fore Art Thou" brochure will be ready for the weekend.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported that the dedication of the Park Avenue Art Project had been postponed due to the events on September 11, 2001. The Airport Art Project will be installed on October 13, 2001 and a new Call for Artists for the Fountain Art Project will be mailed out next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator reported on current and upcoming events of the organizations that are funded from the T.O.T. arts funding.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - October 10, 2001

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ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Nichols.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Chair Busch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Barrett to approve the minutes from the meetings of 8/8/01 and 9/12/01 was seconded and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF ARTIST'S REQUEST TO DEDICATE AIRPORT SCULPTURE

Staff reported that at the request of the Airport Commission, the Arts Commission was reviewing artist James Russell's request to dedicate the airport sculpture to the victims of the September 11 terrorist attack. After discussion, and hearing comments for Airport Commissioner Mike Moran, a motion by Commissioner Nichols to defer making a recommendation on the matter until additional information could be solicited from the artist in regard to his intentions and the wording of the plaque, was seconded and unanimously approved.

REPORT REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC ART 101 CONFERENCE

Chair Busch and Art Projects Coordinator Gardner reported that the conference held October 3-5, 2001 in Seattle had been very beneficial and that they will come back at the November meeting with a complete presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Roos reported that the Outreach and Education Committee discussed the arts education component of the Fine Arts Master Plan and the feasibility of developing a plan to implement some of the objectives and policies. Commissioner Lucero Austin reported that the plans for the Art Writer's weekend have been finalized and that John Villani, author of "100 Best Art Towns in America" and Lisa Taggart from Sunset Magazine will be in Chico November 2 - 4, 2001.

Chair Busch reported that the Art in Public Places Committee met with the

Bidwell Park and Playground Commission's Art Ad Hoc Committee to discuss the possibility of placing a mural in lower park at the Highway 99 overpass. They discussed having an artist design the overall concept and implementation plan. They also discussed pursuing funding for the project through special interest groups.

Chair Busch reported on the status of the Diamond Alley Art Project. By consensus, the Commission requested that staff come back at the November meeting with a memorandum outlining the criteria and budget for the project.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported on the upcoming Mayor's Awards for Achievement in the Arts, the reception for artist Steve Miranda Byer on 10/11/01, the installation of the Airport Art Project on 10/13/01, and the placement of artwork of over thirty artists in the downtown Annual Window Art Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Art Projects Coordinator reported on current and upcoming events of the organizations that are funded from the T.O.T. arts funding.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Commissioner Barrett read aloud information sent to her by the California Arts Council about California Arts Day, October 10, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - November 14, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on November 14, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Crawford, Growdon, Lucero Austin, and Roos. Absent: Commissioner Nichols. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

ART MINUTE

The art minute was presented by Commissioner Roos.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Barrett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Growdon to approve the 10/10/01 minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ON PUBLIC ART 101 CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE

Chair Busch and Art Projects Coordinator Gardner gave a presentation on the Public Art 101 Conference which they attended in October 2001. APC Gardner gave an overview of the sessions and workshops they both attended. They also provided a slide show of various public art projects located in the Seattle area.

REPORT ON THE DIAMOND ALLEY ART PROJECT

The Commission discussed the recommendation of the Art in Public Places Committee regarding the Diamond Alley Art Project via memorandum dated 11/7/01. The Committee is recommending that a local tile artist be hired to design and install a tile art treatment and signage utilizing the existing eight pillars. The artist will work with school children within the curriculum of the school's Fine Arts Specialists. A budget of approximately \$35,000 is being recommended which includes 10% for finance, administrative and inspection costs.

By consensus the Commission approved the Committee's recommendation with the additional criteria that all local tile artists will be invited to apply and will be selected by the Committee, and that the artist will present his/her design to the Commission for approval. It was also decided to add the Diamond Alley project to the 2002-03 Capital projects list.

Commissioner Barrett left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Roos reported that the Outreach & Education Committee is doing a survey to gather information about whether or not arts education is important.. o

The survey will be conducted face-to-face with up to fifty local art, civic and business leaders in the community.

Commissioner Lucero Austin reported that the visit by John Villani author of the book "100 Best Art Towns in America." was very successful and that Chico will be included in the 2002 edition. She also reported that Bruce Jans of Procam Productions will be producing a number of television segments and a promotional video showcasing the nine organizations that were granted T.O.T. arts funding this year. She reported that the Committee is working with staff to have the Arts Commission's web page include a tour of the City's public art and will profile a different artist and arts organization each month.

Chair Busch reported that the Arts in Public Places Committee met with Mary Cahill, Director of Chico Area Recreation District, to discuss possible future public art projects which would involve teenagers and recycled materials. She also reported that the Committee is recommending public art projects be included in the yearly Capital Projects Budget which would eliminate the need to get approval from Council on a project by project basis. By consensus the Commission approved the recommendation and directed the Committee to come to the December meeting with its list of recommended projects.

Commissioner Lucero Austin suggested that the May 2002 joint meeting with the City Council to discuss budget related matters be used to discuss the possibility that 1% of all capital projects be set aside for public art.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported that Scott Teeple has begun work on the mural which is the first project being done as part of the Public Art Fund Matching Program. The mural is located on 4th Street and depicts the original City Hall built in 1872. Staff also reported that Airport Art Project, "Soaring Star" by James Russell was dedicated on November 16, 2001; that the Fountain Art Project deadline is Friday, November 16, 2001; and that she is working with Aero Union to get the second phase of airport sidewalk art project started.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff reported on upcoming art events in the community.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

John Staple invited all to attend his watercolor exhibition at Cory's which will be on display until December 1, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting - December 12, 2001

The Arts Commission met in regular session on December 12, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 of the Chico Municipal Center. Present: Chair Busch and Commissioners Barrett, Crawford, and Growdon. Absent: Commissioners Lucero Austin, Nichols, and Roos. City staff present: Art Projects Coordinator Gardner and Administrative Secretary Merkes.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement was read by Commissioner Growdon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The motion by Commissioner Growdon to approve the 11/14/01 minutes was seconded and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS TO BE RECOMMENDED AS PART OF THE 2002-03 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

The Commission discussed the following five public art projects that the Art in Public Places Committee is recommending to be included as part of the 2002-03 Capital Project Budget: Youth Recycle Art Project - \$15,000; Downtown Art Benches - \$20,000; Plaza Park Art Treatment - \$80,000; Diamond Alley Art Project - \$35,000; and Chico Open Board Art Project - \$37,000.

Commissioner Barrett motioned to approve this list of five projects with the stipulation that Associated Students recycling department be contacted in regard to the Youth Recycle Art Project. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOPICS AND FORMAT OF THE 2002 COMMISSION PLANNING SESSION

Chair Busch requested that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion to develop the topics and format for planning the Commission's work program for calendar year 2002.

The Commission discussed Chair Busch's request and decided to include the following topics: goals and priorities for 2002; the upcoming year's calendar of events; the Master Plan; the TOT funding process; committee structure; and evaluation of the previous year's work program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported that two applications for the Fountain Art Project were received. After discussing the project and the two proposals, the Selection Panel chose the team of Pat Larsen and Susan Collentine to further develop their proposal, budget and a model. On February 14, 2002 the artists will present their proposal and model to the panel and the public. The model will be placed on display for two weeks for public comment. The Selection Panel's recommendation will be forwarded to the Arts Commission, and if approved, will be forwarded to the City Council for review.

7:30 p.m. - Commissioner Nichols arrived.

Staff also reported on the James Russell Airport Art dedication on November 16, 2001.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Staff reported on upcoming art events in the community including the reception for the installation of the four COBA pieces and Weldon Kent's Saturday art showings at the Almond Plaza on Pillsbury Road.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

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