

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF FERNLEY ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

April 22, 2009

Chairman Stephanie Chin called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. at Fernley City Hall, 595 Silver Lace Blvd., Fernley, NV. Present were Commissioners: Nancy Campbell, Cynthia Ceresola, Dinah Eilrich, Ann Maybury, and Barbara Smith. Also present was Staff Liaison and Recording Secretary Leslieann Hayden. Commissioner Regina Brush was absent.

I. Open Meeting & Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Input

Interim City Manager Greg Evangelatos introduced himself and expressed his appreciation for the Commission's work in bringing art and culture to the community. He relayed his experience in the City of Sparks in preserving historic buildings and creating a cultural center in Victorian Square. City Attorney Jeff McGowan said he was available upon request should there be any legal questions. He also appreciated the improvements the Commission was seeking for the City. He, as a citizen, was proud to have the Lobby Gallery displaying art and providing cultural opportunities in Fernley. Staff Liaison Leslieann Hayden noted that there were some Fernley High School students that would like to perform for the Commission, but were still in school. She asked that the Commission return to this item once the students arrived.

This item was reopened after item 7.B. Ms. Maria Duran, Multi-Cultural Festival organizer, relayed information about the upcoming Multi-Cultural event. She asked the Commission for their support on future events. Mr. Christian Burleson and Mr. Brandon Bally, Fernley High School students, performed a duo interpretation; the students recently won a local debate competition and were heading to a national competition.

Item 7.B. was addressed next.

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Smith MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST MEETING (MARCH 25, 2009). Commissioner Ceresola seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Approved 6-0-1 Brush absent.

IV. Reports:

(a) Grant Committee/Fundraising Report

Commissioner Maybury asked if the phone call discussed last month occurred. Chairman Chin said she would give a report under Old Business. Commissioner Maybury said the Grant Committee needed to meet to finish the project previously started and she suggested that it be held before the grant workshop. There was consensus to schedule such a meeting.

(b) Commissioner Reports & Announcements

Commissioner Campbell said the last Adopt an Artist event was scheduled for May 30 between 8:00am and 2:30pm. She was looking for some volunteers to assist with the East Valley Elementary second graders. Commissioner Campbell announced that Arthur's Art cart was up and rolling. She needed some assistance in getting the final details painted on, but expected to have the project done soon.

Commissioner Maybury said she had previously asked to discuss the Artists' Registry, but did not see it on the agenda. Staff Liaison Leslieann Hayden apologized for the oversight and said it would be placed on a future agenda. Commissioner Maybury understood there was no funding for the project but wanted to discuss an alternate idea.

Chairman Chin said the Artists Guild of Fernley had set an exhibition time for the Lobby Gallery from July 1, 2009 through August 12, 2009. The exhibit is titled, Summer is Bursting Out All Over. **Item 6.C. was addressed next.**

V. Upcoming Events & Art Exhibits

(a) March 4 – April 27, 2009 Out of Print Exhibit: On loan from the Utah Arts Council) Represents 25 of Utah's finest professional artists using the medium of printmaking to create lithographic, intaglio and relief prints. The scope of subjects in Out of Print is expansive. The western landscape, elements of the natural world, animal favorites, commonplace objects, the human figure and the role of symbolism are investigated.

(b) April 28 – June 29, 2009 Robert Cole Caples: Rooted in Nevada reveals the interests, inspiration and character of a man whose creative spirit was indelibly rooted in Nevada. Featuring some of the most recognizable works from the Nevada Museum of Art permanent collection.

(c) Owl About Art - April 25, 2009 An art exhibit by Ms. Old's 5th Grade Students, Fernley Elementary School. A fundraiser to raise money to publish the school's poetry book. Where: 369 Old Hwy. 40 Wadsworth. When: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Cost: N/C

(d) Art Expo & Gala - May 2, 2009 Artists from throughout Nevada will be exhibiting their artwork for sale at East Valley Elementary School. There will also be live performances, hands-on children's art activities and food. Come and join the fun! Where: East Valley Elementary School. When: Saturday, May 2, 2009, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Cost: No admission fee.

(e) August 14 - October 9, 2009 Honest Horses Exhibit: A Portrait of the Mustang in the Great Basin features prints of 21 hand painted photographs of the wild horses in the American West.

VI. Old Business:

(a) Update and possible action on finalization of City Flag Project – Stephanie Chin.

This item was discussed after item 6.C. Chairman Chin said she was investigating the possibility of getting one City flag donated. She asked the grant committee to schedule a meeting to discuss the flag and the possibilities for grant funding for production of additional flags. She did receive a call back from the Nevada Arts Council regarding the Jackpot grant and various funding options for the Commission. Commissioner Maybury said it could be addressed at the same meeting discussed earlier. Commissioner Maybury **MOVED TO HAVE A GRANT COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE JACKPOT GRANT POSSIBILITIES FOR THE CITY FLAG.** Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows: Approved 6-0-1 Brush absent. **Item 7.A was addressed next.**

(b) Schedule a special meeting devoted to grant research and prioritization, recommendation to devote the May 2009 meeting to this topic.

This item was addressed after item 7.A. Staff Liaison Leslieann Hayden said the next Commission meeting would be focused on grants and fundraising. She would like to limit the agenda items so that much of the item could be spent on those two items. Chairman Chin said Ms. Robin Hodgkin, Nevada Arts Council, said she would like to be added to the May agenda to discuss funding plans for the Commission. Commissioner Campbell interjected that the two anticipated guests had arrived and suggested reopening Public Input. **The meeting returned to item 2. Discussion on this item continued after the**

closer of item 2. Ms. Hayden led a brainstorming session the types of grants the Commission was looking for and the priorities for funding and action. **Item 7.B. was addressed next.**

(c) Fernley F – Update from Parks Department on Fernley F proposed painting project, discussion and possible action to coordinate with Eagle Scouts. Keith Penner, Parks Director

This item was discussed after item 4.B. Parks and Recreation Director Keith Penner announced that the City had applied for two new Nevada Arts Council exhibits: Stop the Car (August 2-September 24, 2010) and Lingo of Our Calling (May 31-July 23, 2010). Director Penner said four young men trying to earn their Eagle Scout had requested projects through the City. One of those requested projects was repainting the Fernley F. He understood the project had been discussed and put on hold by the Commission. At this point he thought it could be removed from the list as the work had been scheduled. Director Penner gave an update on the Landscape and Aesthetics Grant from the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). He was in contact with the consulting architect and Community Development Director Fred Turnier. The City's application was accepted, but he had not been given update as to the City's standing. He expected to have confirmation of the City's position by the next meeting. Discussion followed regarding the plans for the Roundabout. **Item 6.A. was addressed next.**

VII. New Business: Discussion and action on Commission Programs, Projects and Events

(a) Discussion and possible action for Commission endorsement and support of a Historic Preservation Plan for Fernley – Fred Turnier, Community Development Director.

This item was discussed after 6.A. Community Development Director Fred Turnier gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the update of the City's Development Code. Director Turnier explained that as part of that process, Community Development was considering establishing a historic preservation ordinance. This item was addressed by the Planning Commission, but no clear consensus was established. Director Turnier was looking to the Arts & Culture Commission for their opinion on whether or not the update should include historic preservation. If so, he asked the Commission to take action to

draft a letter of support and appoint a representative to participate in the draft Development Code.

Commissioner Maybury relayed that the Ladies' Aid Society had a building already registered with the Nevada Historical Registry. Director Turnier said he was aware of the building, but had not seen it. Commissioner Maybury also said there were individuals very involved in preservation of the Emigrant Trail. Commissioner Eilrich said she would like to see a historic preservation ordinance addressed in the Development Code, as Fernley had a lot of buried history. She MOVED TO REQUEST A LETTER BE WRITTEN TO SHOW THE SUPPORT OF THE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE SUCH LETTER. Commissioner Maybury seconded the motion. Commissioner Eilrich asked how the process would work for declaring historic sites. Director Turnier planned to present the Code to the Planning Commission in July for review. He asked the Commission to designate a person to serve as the contact. All the meetings for the Code update are public. He also encouraged informal requests and questions as they arose from the Commission. The motion carried as follows: Approved 6-0-1 Brush absent.

Item 6.B. was addressed next.

(b) Discussion and possible of Arts & Culture Commission's participation at the Art Expo & Gala on May 2, 2009.

This item was addressed after item 6.B. Commissioner Campbell outlined the plans for the Arts & Culture Commission Bistro. Coffee was being donated by Starbucks, the Commission would sell the coffee as a fundraiser. Discussion followed on regarding setup, a rotation schedule, and the event details.

(c) Discussion and possible action for the Arts Commission to host, plan and organize the City Manager Applicant's Meet and Greet Reception on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 pm.

Commissioner Smith said she volunteered the Arts & Culture Commission to sponsor the Meet and Greet for the City Manager candidates. She thought it would be a good opportunity for the Commission to be represented. Staff Liaison Leslieann Hayden relayed that she had been in contact with several local vendors, the Chamber of

Commerce, and the Rotary Club. Discussion followed regarding the event planning and the assignment of tasks.

(d) Discussion and possible action on inviting Dennis Golman and Texas Tom to perform at a Arts Reception for the Honest Horses exhibit and possible planning of a future fundraising event featuring Dennis Golman and Texas Tom.

Chairman Chin said at the last meeting there was discussion about inviting the duo to perform in accordance with the Honest Horses exhibit scheduled to be at City Hall in August. Commissioner Eilrich said there had also been discussion about holding a separate outdoor event as a fundraiser. The fee per person for the dutch oven event was \$65, and it would be limited to 75 people. Discussion followed regarding if it was feasible to hold the event. There was a lengthy discussion about possible dates and coordination of the events. If the duo was available for an outdoor event, the Commission hesitated to raise the ticket prices. Discussion followed regarding possibly hosting the bar at the outdoor event. There was consensus to try and schedule the duo for the Honest Horses exhibit for free and then work on scheduling another free show to which the Commission would charge an entry fee and possibly host an open bar. Staff Liaison Leslieann Hayden would contact Mr. Golman regarding the suggested dates.

VIII.Future Agenda Items

Commissioner Maybury wished to discuss an alternate plan for the Artists' Registry.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Approved by the Fernley Arts & Culture Commission on _____, by a vote of:

AYES: _____ NAYS: _____ ABSTENTIONS: _____ ABSENT: _____

Chairman Stephanie Chin

ATTEST: