
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

City of Chico Arts Commissioners: Ciara Barsotti, Olivia Cerullo, Marquita Goodman, Katie Posey, Dustin Vaught
Vice-Chair Vianna Boring, and Chair Bonnie Pipkin

Special Meeting of July 29, 2025 – 3:30 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Pipkin at 3:35 p.m. with Commissioners Barsotti, Cerullo, Goodman, Posey, Vice-Chair Boring, and Chair Pipkin present. Commissioner Vaught was absent.
 2. **ARTS & CULTURE GRANT CYCLE 2025-2026 PROJECT SELECTION**
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Recusals:

Commissioner Cerullo recused herself from the review of the Inspire School of the Arts & Sciences and Legacy Theatre applications.

Commissioner Goodman recused herself from the review of the Legacy Theatre application.

Commissioner Boring recused herself from the review of the Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA) application.

It was noted that the total amount requested in the grant applications was \$82,638.50 and the amount available is \$38,435.00.

The Commission reviewed the applications received and discussed the merits of each of the proposed projects.

The Commission considered and disqualified the following three applications:

- *Chico Children's Museum for not attaching the budget for their project prior to the application deadline.*
 - *Mi Escuelita Maya Preschool for not attaching the budget for their project.*
 - *Sound Source because the proposed project was for fund raising purposes, which is not a qualifying project under the grant guidelines.*
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A motion by Chair Pipkin was seconded by Vice-Chair Boring to fund the remaining applications at 52.9% so that all the projects received some funding. The motion passed with the following breakdown:

- 1078 Gallery to receive \$1,059.00 for the “2nd Annual Northern California Mock Cat Show” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
 - Chico Art Center to receive \$2,646.00 for the “Artist Cafe” project (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
 - Chico State Enterprises to receive \$1,072.00 for “Nexo Entre Raíces (Nexus Between Roots) Exhibition & Visiting Artist Talk” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
 - Chico Theater Company to receive \$2,646.00 for the “Roof Replacement” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
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- Downtown Chico Business Association to receive \$2,646.00 for “ARTober FEST: Celebrating Art, Culture, and Community in Downtown Chico” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Friends of the Chico Community Ballet to receive \$2,646.00 for “A Very Chico Nutcracker 2025” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Inspire School of Arts & Sciences to receive \$2,646.00 for “Big Fish Design Mentorship” (5-0-1-1, Vaught absent, Cerullo disqualified).
- KZFR Community Radio to receive \$2,646.00 for “Chico Speaks” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Legacy Theatre Group (Legacy Stage) to receive \$2,646.00 for “Shakespeare in the Park 2026” (4-0-1-2, Vaught absent, Cerullo & Goodman disqualified).
- Little Red Hen to receive \$2,646.00 for “The Business of Being an Artist” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Maker Radio to receive \$2,646.00 for “Makers Muse 2025” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Movement Arts of Chico to receive \$2,540.00 for “Capoeira Arts Therapy” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Museum of Northern California Art (MONCA) to receive \$2,370.00 for “Foyer Sound Panels” (6-0-1-1, Vaught absent, Boring disqualified).
- Pedal Press Youth Shop to receive \$2,295.00 for the “Pedal Press Youth Shop” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Stonewall Alliance to receive \$2,646.00 for “To Be Seen: Uplifting LGBTQIA2S+ Art & Honoring Trans Lives Lost” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).
- Upstate Community Enhancement Foundation to receive \$2,646.00 for “Chico Fab Lab Fundamentals Community Workshop” (6-0-1, Vaught absent).

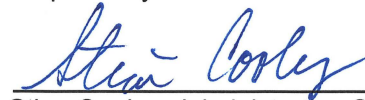
3. MAYOR’S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARDS SELECTION – *Continued to a special meeting with the date to be determined.*

4. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: 10/8/25

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