

CITY OF CHICO

Arts Commission Special Meeting

**Wednesday, August 5, 2026
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: Council Chamber Building, Conference Room 1, 421 Main St. Chico, CA

City of Chico Arts Commission: Olivia Cerullo, Marquita Goodman, Benjamin Matray, Katie Posey, Dustin Vaught, Vice-Chair Vianna Boring, and Chair Bonnie Pipkin

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REGULAR AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from the 04-08-26 meeting.

3. 2025-2026 ARTS GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST

3.1 Consideration of request by Chico Fab Lab for extension on grant project.

4. ARTS & CULTURE GRANT CYCLE 2026-2027 PROJECT SELECTION

5. MAYOR'S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARDS

6. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTE: Citizens and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in the public process and will be invited to address the Committee regarding each item on the agenda. In order to maintain an accurate and complete record, the following procedural guidelines are being implemented:

1. Speaker Cards – speakers will be asked to print his/her name on a speaker card to address the Committee and provide card to the Clerk prior to the completion of the Staff Report.
2. The Clerk will call on speakers in the order the cards are received.
3. Speakers may address the Committee one time per agenda item.
4. Speakers will have three minutes to address the Committee.

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Meeting of April 8, 2026 – 4:30 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 4:32 p.m. with Commissioners Cerullo, Goodman, Matray, Posey, Vaught, and Chair Pipkin present. Vice-Chair Boring was absent.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion by Commissioner Posey was seconded by Commissioner Vaught to approve the minutes from the 10/08/25, 01/14/26, and 2/21/26 meetings. The motion passed (6-0-1, Boring absent).

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

4. **ARTober FEST** (Chair Pipkin)

Chair Pipkin provided the Commission with a copy of a letter she had drafted and a proposed budget to send to City Council requesting City funds to support ARTober-FEST. She stated the goal was to get additional funding to assist Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA) with production of ARTober FEST. The Commission discussed and agreed upon edits to the draft letter.

A motion by Commissioner Vaught was seconded by Commissioner Goodman to approve the proposed letter and budget and to request that staff forward the letter and budget to the City Council.

Commissioner Matray call for point of order, inquiring if the motion was intended to include the proposed amendments to the letter.

Commissioners Vaught and Goodman clarified that the intention was to approve the draft letter as amended.

The motion passed (6-0-1, Boring absent).

5. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS** (*updates & action if needed*)

- a.) City of Chico Arts Grants Ad Hoc Committee Report

Deputy Director, Angie Dilg reported that the grant process has been updated and the City will be handling the administration of the grant. She stated that as soon as the Committee sets a grant question and answer session date, staff will open the application period and send out the press release.

Chair Pipkin reported that she had spoken with Ray Laager with the Upstate Community Foundation regarding their project extension for the 2024-2025 grant cycle and that he would be providing a report to staff in the next few days.

- b.) Film Ad Hoc Committee Report

Commissioner Vaught reported that the Committee is still waiting for the City Attorney review of the idea of a talent list for the City website. He acknowledged that it may be more appropriate to host the list on website with the new requirements for municipal websites.

- c.) Grant Writing/Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee Report

- COBA Auction

Commissioners Vaught and Goodman reported that “The Barn” at Meriam Park provided a proposal package to host the auction in conjunction with the new designated Entertainment Zone at Meriam with the silent auction being held in the barn with an “art walk” displaying the COBA boards. The Commission would be responsible for entertainment and the program while the venue would handle logistics as well as food & beverage services. There is also the potential for profit sharing from the concession proceeds. The proposed date for the event is Saturday, August 22, 2026.

d.) Gala Ad Hoc Committee Report - none

d.) Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee Report

Commissioner Matray agreed to join the Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee. Once additional information is provided by the Committee, staff will prepare another press release and social media post to encourage sponsorship of the remaining boxes.

6. ARTS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS *(if any updates)*

a.) Chico Arts & Culture Foundation (CACF)

Chair Pipkin reported that CACF has requested a time to meet with the Commission to discuss their proposal for the partnership/relationship moving forward. Chair Pipkin stated that City Clerk Presson has suggested a special meeting to discuss the proposal. The Commission tentatively set the special meeting for May 13, 2026, at 4:30 pm contingent on the availability of City Clerk Presson.

b.) Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA)

Commissioner Goodman reported the Valerie Reddemann is the new president of the DCBA. She stated that there are a lot of changes in the works, one of which is expanding the Thursday night Market to Main Street and incorporating themes for each week. She also noted that one of the issues they are working on is the number of expired business licenses and non-licensed businesses in the Downtown area that affects their dues collections.

c.) Media - None

d.) City Newsletter

Deputy Director Dilg noted that the City postponed the release of the next newsletter to focus on completing the ADA compliance requirements for the website.

e.) Public Works

Commissioner Posey reported that if any Commissioner notices graffiti on any of the utility boxes, they can report it to rightofwaymaintenance@chicoca.gov and they will send a crew out to clean it up.

Commissioner Vaught noted that with the change in staffing at Public Works, they will be meeting with a new liaison. He added that Public Works Director Sklyer Lipski indicated that there are some projects coming up that will be coming before the Commission, including a potential “mini mural” project in the parking structure.

7. FOLLOW-UP ON STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION-*Chair Pipkin*

- Commissioner Vaught volunteered to be a liaison to PBID.
- Commissioner Cerullo agreed to work on the “Fringe Festival” and stated she had some ideas on how the Commission could participate perhaps host an “open mic” or talent show. Applications are due in June.

8. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a.) City Clerk's Office – *Verbal Report*

Deputy Director Dilg reported that staff will be sending out a link for the Achievement in the Arts awards nomination form and that the nominations will be due prior to the July meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. to the special Arts Commission meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

Prepared by:

Stina Cooley, Administrative Specialist

From: [Luann Manss](#)
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Hi Stina

VERY MUCH!!!! appreciate the reminder about the arts grant reports. We are drafting and plan to submit the report for Maker's Muse by July 15th.

Regarding the grant received for Chico Fab Lab we would like to apply for an extension, with the project being completed and a report submitted by November 30, 2026.

Best regards

Luann Manss
Rest in Reason Move in Passion - Kahlil Gibran

On Fri, Jun 26, 2026 at 12:02 PM Stina Cooley <stina.cooley@chicoca.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Just a reminder that projects for the 2025/2026 Arts & Culture Grant must be completed by June 30th, and reports are due July 15th. Please be sure to submit your final report by July 15th.

Reports must contain the following:

- Narrative of realized project (180 words)
- Realized outcomes (180 words)

To include:

Community served

Population and persons served

Arts and cultural goals realized

- Budget to Actual report for project

- Timeline of project completion
- Archival support of project
 - Video, photos, audio, advertising, program, interviews, etc.

Attached is the reporting form template for your use, feel free to attached additional pages as necessary.

Reports may be sent electronically to cityclerk@chicoca.gov

or

Hand delivered to our office:

City Clerk's Office

411 Main Street, 3rd Floor

Chico, CA

Or

Mailed to:

City Clerk's Office

P.O. Box 3420

Chico, CA 95927

Consequences for failure to submit a report, apply for an extension, or return fund to the City may result in ineligibility for future City Arts Grant funding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 530-896-7250 or via email.

Thank you.

Stina Cooley

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