
ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Meeting of January 14, 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 4:30 p.m. with Commissioners Cerullo, Goodman, Vaught, Vice-Chair Boring, and Chair Pipkin present. Commissioner Posey was absent.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA - None**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT – None**

4. **CHANGES TO THE TOT GRANT FUNDING PROCESS FORMS. (Angie Dilg, Deputy Director)**

Deputy Director Angie Dilg reported that in an effort to streamline the process of applying and evaluating the applications there were significant changes to the forms and timelines. The after-project reporting forms have also been amended to capture more relevant information regarding how the grant money was spent. She also stated that the City has decided to bring the application process in-house and discontinue the utilization of North Valley Community Foundation for the grant process. This will save \$2,500.00 annually in administrative fees that can be put back into the program.

Commissioner Pipkin stated that she would like to add a request for the full operating budget for the organizations applying in addition to the grant project budget. She felt this would be helpful when reviewing the applications to provide a broader picture of their organization.

5. **CHANGES AND TIMELINE FOR THE MAYOR’S ACHEIVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARDS. (Angie Dilg, Deputy Director)**

Deputy Director Dilg provided the Commission with the draft forms and stated that the new nomination forms will be provided at the April meeting and be due to the Clerk’s Office prior to the July meeting. Selection of the recipients will be held at the July meeting.

6. **CHICO MOSAIC PROJECT PRESENTATION (JoAna Brooks & Michelle Mittman)**

JoAna Brooks and Michelle Mittman provided an overview of the collaboration project they are currently working on and invited Commission participation.

7. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE ARTS COMMISSION PRESENTATION TO COUNCIL**

The Commission discussed the presentation of the grant reports for the Council and decided that they would like to present at the February 3, 2026 Council meeting if possible.

4. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a.) **City of Chico Arts Grants Ad Hoc Committee Report - None**

b.) **Film Ad Hoc Committee Report**

Commissioner Vaught provided an update, he reported that the Committee is looking into a possible “talent registry” for filmmakers to have available with a link from the City website. The City Attorney will need to provide a legal review prior to the project moving forward.

c.) Grant Writing/Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee Report

*COBA auction discussion – Commissioners Cerullo, Goodman, & Vaught provided an update and discussed the need for some advertising for a stand-alone auction. The Committee is looking into possible locations for the auction and stated that “The Barn” in Meriam Park might be a viable option as the price might be more flexible with non-profits.

d.) Gala Ad Hoc Committee Report

Chair Pipkin provided a wrap up report on the success of the Gala. She stated that the Commission would need to secure a larger location for the next Gala and that the Committee needs to start locking in a new date and start planning. She said that the Gala raised just over \$2,000.00.

e.) Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee Report

City Clerk Presson stated that perhaps the City could do another media push to try and encourage sponsorship of the remaining boxes.

5. ARTS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

a.) Chico Arts & Culture Foundation (CACF)

Chair Pipkin provided a brief update on the activities of CACF.

b.) Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA)

Commissioner Goodman provided a brief update. Chair Pipkin suggested that she would like the City to take a bigger role in ARTober Fest since it had originated as a City event. She suggested city staff take on a greater role or that the City fund a project manager to assist DCBA in producing the event.

c.) Media - None

d.) City Newsletter - None

e.) Public Works

Commissioner Vaught provided a brief update and stated that there was a big clean up effort in the later part of the year and he will be reaching out the Public Works to touch base.

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

- a.) *2026 Date - *The Commission determined the 2026 Strategic Planning session will be held on February 21, 2026 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.***

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS - None

- a.) City Clerk’s Office – *Verbal Report***

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to the Special Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved: April 8, 2026

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