
ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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. – 6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from the 10/08/25, 01/14/26, & 02/21/26 meetings.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - *Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes or as determined by the Chair based on the number of speakers. The Commission cannot take any action at this meeting on requests made under this section of the agenda.*

4. ARTober FEST (Chair Pipkin)

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

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

- 2026-2027 Arts Grant Cycle (Angie Dilg, Deputy Director)

b.) Film Ad Hoc Committee Report

c.) Grant Writing/Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee Report

- COBA Auction

d.) Gala Ad Hoc Committee Report

d.) Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee Report

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

a.) Chico Arts & Culture Foundation (CACF)

b.) Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA)

c.) Media

d.) City Newsletter

e.) Public Works

7. FOLLOW-UP ON STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION-*Chair Pipkin (If any updates)*

8. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

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

9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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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

Meeting of October 8, 2025 – 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 4:33 p.m. with Commissioners Barsotti, Posey, Vaught, Vice-Chair Boring, and Chair Pipkin present. Commissioners Cerullo and Goodman were absent.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion by Commissioner Vaught was seconded by Commissioner Barsotti to approve the minutes for 07-09-25, 07-29-25, & 10-01-25 meetings. The motion carried (5-0-2, Cerullo & Goodman absent).

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

Commissioner Goodman arrived at the meeting at 4:36 pm.

4. **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Deputy Director Dilg reported that the changes to the Arts Grant program will be presented to the Commission at the January meeting.

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

Commissioner Vaught reported that the Butte County Film group will be launching a website soon. He is currently working with the City Manager's office on a film permitting process for the City.

- c.) **Grant Writing/Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee Report** – None

Commissioner Cerullo arrived at the meeting at 4:45 pm.

- d.) **Gala Ad Hoc Committee Report**

A motion by Chair Pipkin was seconded by Commissioner Posey to add an item to the agenda that arose after the posting of the agenda regarding the COBA auction. The motion passed (7-0).

The Commission discussed options regarding the auction of the COBA boards and the possibility of postponing the auction and not including it as part of the Gala.

Addressing the Commission on this item were Todd Hall and Monica McDaniel.

A motion by Vice Chair Boring was seconded by Commissioner Barsotti to postpone the auction of COBA boards to a later date. The motion passed (7-0).

e.) Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee Report

Commissioner Barsotti provided the Commission with an update on the project. She stated that eight of the fifteen boxes have now been sponsored.

Addressing the Commission on this item were Monica McDaniel and Mary Garner.

5. ARTS COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS

a.) Chico Arts & Culture Foundation (CACF)

Chair Pipkin provided a brief update on the activities of CACF. CACF Board member Mary Garner provided additional input.

b.) Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA)

Commissioner Goodman provided a brief update.

c.) Media

City Clerk Presson stated that she will ask Multi-media Coordinator Rocha if he would be available to attend the Gala to film, Metric will livestream the event and the City will upload the video to the public access channel after the event.

d.) City Newsletter

Commissioner Barsotti noted that the Commission needs to think about what items they would like in the newsletter for December. The Commission provided ideas for the newsletter.

e.) Public Works

Commissioner Posey provided an update on the maintenance work being performed.

Addressing the Commission on this item was Monica McDaniel

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

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

a.) City Clerk's Office

City Clerk Presson reported that the City was involved with an application for a Cultural District Designation from the California Arts Council, all efforts are being coordinated through the City Manager's Office. Ms. Presson also noted the Public Works Department is considering a mural project for the parking structure and will be in contact with the Commission when the project is a little further along in the planning process.

Addressing the Commission on this item were Pat Macias, Mary Gardner, and Todd Hall.

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: April 8, 2026

Prepared by:

Stina Cooley, Administrative Specialist

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

Prepared by:

Stina Cooley, Administrative Specialist

ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

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

Special Workshop Meeting of February 21, 2026 – 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Council Chamber Building, 421 Main Street, Conference Room 1

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Chair Pipkin with Commissioners Vaught and Posey absent.
2. **OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW COMMISSIONER – Benjamin Matray**
3. **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Each Commissioner shared their thoughts and ideas on goals and potential projects for the Commission to take on and present to the Council which were then broken down into estimated timeframes.

Short-Term Goals/Projects – (within the year)

- Proposition 28 money for art education in schools
 - Facilitation of teaching artistes that we could collab with to help spend money they're having trouble spending
- Strengthen partnerships with Property and Business Improvement District (PBID)
 - Explore ongoing advisory role or seat the allows Arts Commission input
- Streamline Film Permitting and Build Local Talent Infrastructure
 - Work with City to further develop and simplify the local film permitting process
- Sustainability of historic knowledge
 - Institutional memory and knowledge
 - Continue working with City staff
- Fall for the Arts Gala – Establish as an annual event
- COBA Board Auction/Event (Chico Open Board Art)
 - Already in the works
 - A yearly spring art auction event
- ArtOber Fest
 - Proposing it as a City project again
 - Hiring a project manager (not taking it away from DCBA but having someone help manage it all)
- Teen Microgrant
- City repair projects
 - Creative projects that neighborhoods get together to do- murals, birdhouse, etc.
- Fringe Festival collaboration with The Art Commission
 - Open mic
 - Talent show
- BCOE K-12 Art Show
 - Student art will no longer be at the Silver Dollar Fair
 - Arts Commission Award
- Deepen Coordination with Public Works
 - Earlier communication on infrastructure projects that may involve public art
 - Clearer pathways for collaboration

-Ensuring the commission is positioned to support when opportunities arise

Mid-Term Goals/Projects - (next year)

- Engage City Council Chambers Artistically
 - Live streamed Tiny Desk concerts
 - Make it into an art gallery for one night

- Artist in Residency
 - Utilizing empty spaces downtown
 - All facets of art – working on art, creating a dance, rehearsing a play, playing an instrument
 - Help activate empty spaces

- Community Pianos

- Involvement with Tech Art

- Collaborating with Parks Commission
 - Art installation at a playground (done by artists)
 - Art in the Park – kids do art on canvas (for kids)

Long-Term Goals/Projects – (years from now)

- Public Performing Arts Center (City funded)

- Arts Awards Show
 - Recognizing artists in the community

Ongoing

- Collaborations
 - Fundraising
 - Project ideas

- Marketing

- Sustainable amount of projects as a Commission
 - Thinking about Commissioners capacity as volunteers

- Art Dates (meet the Commission)
 - Engage community with Commission
 - Meet and greet on the 3rd Floor (as part of ArtOber fest)

- More Engagement with Schools
 - More outreach
 - Partner with schools to give out awards to art students
 - Education Liaison

Public Comments

Mary Gardener addressed the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m. to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: April 8, 2026

Prepared by:

Angie Dilg, Deputy Director