

CITY OF CHICO

Arts Commission

Wednesday, October 14, 2026
4:30 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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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Arts Commission Minutes from the 08-05-26 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. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS *(updates & action if needed)*

- a.) City of Chico Arts Grants Ad Hoc Committee Report
- b.) Film Ad Hoc Committee Report
- c.) Grant Writing/Fundraising Ad Hoc Committee Report
 - COBA Auction Update
- d.) Gala Ad Hoc Committee Report
- e.) Utility Box Ad Hoc Committee Report

5. 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

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

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting will adjourn to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 13, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

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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

Special Meeting of August 5, 2026 – 4:00 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 4:07 p.m. with Commissioners Cerullo, Goodman, Matray, Posey, Vaught, and Chair Pipkin present. Commissioner Posey and Vice-Chair Boring were absent.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Matray and seconded by Commissioner Vaught to approve the minutes from 4/8/26. The motion carried (5-0-2, Posey & Boring absent)

3. **2025-2026 ARTS GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST**

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

A motion was made by Chair Pipkin and seconded by Commissioner Goodman to approve the requested extension. The motion carried (4-0-2-1, Posey & Boring absent, Matray abstain).

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

The Commission reviewed the scores and discussed the applications.

Commissioner Goodman left the meeting at 5:45 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vaught and seconded by Commissioner Cerullo to approve full funding for the applications ranked 1 – 10 and partial funding at \$ 2,850.00 for Chico Creative Reuse. The motion carried. (2-1-3-1, Pipkin opposed, Boring, Posey, & Goodman absent, Matray abstain)

The motion approved the following grants for the noted amounts, with notations on recusals.

Boys & Girls Club – \$5,000.00 for the “Triple Threats Performing Arts Program” (*Matray recused*)

Chico Creative Reuse – \$2,850.00 for the “Chico Creative Reuse Resident Artists” project

Chico State Enterprises – \$3,000.00 for “Personal to Political: Celebrating the African American Artists of Paulson Fontaine Press and A Century of Ateller 17” (*Matray recused*)

Chico Theater Company – \$5,000.00 for the “New Sound System”

Downtown Chico Business Association – \$5,000.00 for “ARTober FEST” (*Matray recused*)

Drink & Draw Chico – \$5,000.00 for “Drink & Draw Events”

Explore Butte County – \$2,000.00 for “Butte365 Chico Arts & Entertainment Expansion Initiative”

KZFR Community Radio – \$4,000.00 for “Concert Series”

Legacy Theatre Group (Legacy Stage) – \$5,000.00 for “Fringe Festival” (*Goodman recused*)

Mi Escuelita Maya Preschool – \$3,150.00 for “Mural Restoration”

Pedal Press – \$5,000.00 for the “Day of the Dead Festival”
Sound Source AV – \$5,000.00 for “Chico Mobile Arts Platform”

5. MAYOR’S ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS AWARDS

The Commission reviewed and discussed the nominations for the 2026 Mayor’s Achievement in the Arts Awards.

A motion was made by Chair Pipkin was seconded by Commissioner Matray to award the following achievement awards:

Lucia Mercado - Outstanding Arts Organization Leader
Pixel Perfect (Elizabeth Kuiper) – Outstanding Art Business
Ken Pordes – Outstanding Patron of the Arts

The motion passed (4-0-3, Goodman, Posey, & Boring absent).

The Fund-Raising Committee provided a quick update on the COBA Board auction being held at the Meriam Park Barn on August 22, 2026, from 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm. The boards will be auctioned via silent auction.

6. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM to the next regular Arts Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

Approved: _____

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