
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

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