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## 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

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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*Mary Gardener addressed the Commission.*

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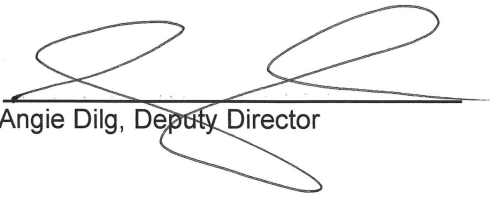
### **ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING**

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.

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Approved: April 8, 2026

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