

**ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 10, 2024, 5:00 PM
SANTA FE COMMUNITY CONVENTION CENTER
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order by Co-Chair Lovato, at 5:05 pm, on June 10, 2024, at the Community Convention Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Karl Duncan
Commissioner Paul Hultin
Commissioner Heidi McKinnon, Virtually
Commissioner Marcia Mikulak, arrived later in the meeting
Commissioner Andrew Leo Lovato, Co-Chair
Commissioner Anne Wrinkle, Co-Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Rashan Ahmad-Morris, Excused
Commissioner Robyne Robinson, Excused
Commissioner Winoka Yepa, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Chelsey Johnson, Director, Arts and Culture Department
Sharla Russell, Deputy Director, Arts and Culture Department
Melessia Velasquez, Arts and Culture Department
Karen Iverson, Director, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Co-Chair Wrinkle, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Duncan, yes; Commissioner Hultin, yes; Commissioner McKinnon, yes; Co-Chair Lovato, yes; Co-Chair Wrinkle, yes.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MAY 13, 2024 ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION A motion was made by Co-Chair Wrinkle, seconded by Commissioner Hultin, to approve the minutes.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Duncan, yes; Commissioner Hultin, yes; Commissioner McKinnon, yes; Co-Chair Lovato, yes; Co-Chair Wrinkle, yes.

5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION REGARDING GREER GARSON THEATER

Ms. Iverson gave an overview of the Midtown development including the film studio and infrastructure.

Ms. Iverson said the Greer Garson Theater went out to an RFP that included management of the facility and raising capital for renovations. Live Arts applied. After working with them, we were given direction from the City to go another way. The City is going to lead the charge for rehabilitation of the theater and will look for a partner to operate the facility. We received an estimate from an engineer, for rehabilitating the whole building, of \$2.2 million. That includes a modern fire suppression system. HVAC, electric work and the roof. That is just to make it a functional building. More funding would be needed to bring it to a state of the art facility. We are working on a strategy for the building and doing an operational strategy. We have \$7 million from the State and \$3 million that the City Council earmarked specifically for infrastructure.

Commissioner Hultin said it seems to him that the structure of who is operating the facility etc. would have to be fully worked out before you look for contributions.

Ms. Iverson said she completely agrees, however this is not a feasibility study. We are completely committed to this facility and building.

Ms. Russell said the City has already said it is feasible. We are now looking at

implementation.

Ms. Iverson said we are immediately focused on activation of the Midtown space for the public, particularly with outside activities.

Ms. Johnson said we are getting an expert in to advise us as to programming. One of the things we discussed was having the City Historian/Arts Commission Co-Chair do a history tour of Midtown.

Commissioner Duncan asked about the timeline.

Ms. Iverson said we are waiting for funding. We have the funds now for the infrastructure and have encumbered those funds. It would take about 5 months to do the study after we get the money and go through the bid process. It would be a total of 9 months to complete the study. For the amount we need, \$60,000, it does not have to go through an RFP process.

There was discussion.

Ms. Johnson said it would be an interesting start for our Department to commit to the \$60,000 for the study from our Lodgers Tax funds.

Commissioner Mikulak arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Iverson read the scope of work for the study.

Ms. Russell said we received additional funds from excess Lodgers Tax this year. That is what enables us to have this discussion. We will come back to the Commission after the 3 bids are obtained and will keep you in the loop.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Co-Chair Wrinkle said she did not have any follow-up discussion at this time.

Ms. Johnson said Commissioner McKinnon has scheduled two meetings for her group.

B. DISCUSSION REGARDING GREER GARSON THEATER

This item was discussed previously.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. PRESENTATION AND REQUESTED APPROVAL OF CULTURAL INVESTMENT FUNDING RESULTS.

Ms. Johnson said not all of the scores are in yet. Our City budget for this category was raised to \$750,000. We are funding \$15,000 across the board. We had 41 applicants. We can easily fund 38 to 40 of those and still have money left over for impact funding.

MOTION A motion was made by Commissioner Hultin, seconded by Commissioner Duncan, to enter into Executive Session.

VOTE The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Duncan, yes; Commissioner Hultin, yes; Commissioner McKinnon, yes; Commissioner Mikulak, yes; Co-Chair Lovato, yes; Co-Chair Wrinkle, yes.

The Commission entered into Executive Session at 6:06 pm.

9. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

None.

10. MATTERS FROM STAFF

A. PRESENTATION REGARDING ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT FUNDING.

Ms. Velasquez gave a Power Point presentation regarding funding.

B. REQUEST RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONE-TIME FUNDS.

Ms. Johnson said for future meetings, it will be useful to keep those guidelines in mind. We are receiving a lot of requests for sponsorship of events. They are one-time events with guidelines and applications that we distribute. We do monthly sponsorship meetings to review the applications.

Commissioner Mikulak asked you make those decisions.

Ms. Johnson said yes.

C. DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Ms. Johnson gave an overview of some of the sponsorships we have approved and participated in. We will send you all invitations to the events. Typically they are awards of from \$2,000 to \$10,000.

Ms. Russell said we are finalizing our form to put on the website. We have a new intern in our gallery. Our Gallery Manager returned to his academic position. We are in the process of hiring again.

Ms. Johnson said we put out an RFP with the Economic Development Department for Warehouse 21. There is a lot of interest. The Ehreen Nahtay mural is in place at the Airport.

Commissioner McKinnon gave an update on the UNESCO event.

There was discussion.

11. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

A. UPDATE REGARDING MAYOR'S AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

Co-Chair Wrinkle said we met with the event planner and have our outline of moving forward. We will send out the request for nominations shortly, make our recommendations and send them to the Mayor. The Event Planning Committee will meet at the end of this month. The invitations will go out in July.

B. UPDATES REGARDING WORKING GROUPS.

Group updates were given.

C. COMMUNITY UPDATES, SHARE EVENTS, ISSUES FOR OTHER COMMISSIONERS TO NOTE.

Updates were given by the Commissioners.

12. NEXT MEETING: JULY 8, 2024

13. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Andrew Leo Lovato, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer