



# AGENDA

ARTS COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 07, 2021  
5:00 PM  
ATTEND VIRTUALLY

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• In writing: A person may submit written public comments by 5pm the Monday prior to the meeting via the virtual comment “button” at <https://santafe.primegov.com/public/portal>.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. Minutes from Arts Commission Special Meeting June 2, 2021.
5. **MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**
  - a. Arts Commissioner Appointments and Introductions (Alex Hanna, Chair)
6. **MATTERS FROM THE DIRECTOR**
  - A. Return to Office Schedule/Plan (Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts & Culture Director: [pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov](mailto:pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6653)
  - B. CHART Update (Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts & Culture Director: [pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov](mailto:pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6653) (CHART Consultant Team Artful Life TENTATIVE)
  - C. 2021 Cultural Investment Funding Program Update (TMI & DCI) (Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts & Culture Director: [pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov](mailto:pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6653)
  - D. Arts Commissioner Applications and Appointment Update (Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts & Culture Director: [pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov](mailto:pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6653)
  - E. Poet Laureate, Darryl Wellington and City Historian, Valerie Rangel Appointments and Introductions (Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Arts & Culture Director: [pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov](mailto:pkkamiyama@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6653)



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- F. Community Gallery Exhibit Schedule (Rod Lambert, Assistant Arts & Culture Director: [rdlambert@santafenm.gov](mailto:rdlambert@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6705)
- G. Public Art Policy Update (Rod Lambert, Assistant Arts & Culture Director: [rdlambert@santafenm.gov](mailto:rdlambert@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6705)
- H. Project Updates: Airport Purchase, SouthsideTeen Center, Urban Trails, Youth Murals (GCCC and Salvador Perez Pool) (Rod Lambert, Assistant Arts & Culture Director: [rdlambert@santafenm.gov](mailto:rdlambert@santafenm.gov), (505) 955-6705)

7. **MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

8. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Arts Commissioner Vacancy, Term October 2020 – October 2022. (Alex Hanna, Chair)

9. **ACTION ITEMS**

- a. 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts Planning Committee (Erminia M. Tapia, Project Specialist: [emtapia@santafenm.gov](mailto:emtapia@santafenm.gov), (505)955-6707)

10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

11. **NEXT MEETING: No Meeting Scheduled**

12. **ADJOURN**

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**SUMMARY OF ACTION  
ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2021, 5:00 PM  
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**ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 2, 2021, 5:00 PM  
ATTENDED VIRTUALLY**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order by Alex Hanna, Chair, at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 and was attended virtually.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Alex Hanna, Chair  
Commissioner Adelma Hnasko  
Commissioner Jorge Bernal  
Commissioner Alma Castro  
Commissioner Exilda Trujillo de Martinez

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Commissioner Andrea Hanley, Excused  
Commissioner Bernadette Ortiz Pena, Excused  
Commissioner Tamara Bates, Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Rich Brown, Director, Department of Economic and Community Development  
Pauline Kanako Kamiyama, Director, Santa Fe Arts and Culture Department  
Erin McSherry, City Attorney  
Erminia Tapia, Santa Fe Arts and Culture Department  
Robert Lambert, Santa Fe Arts and Culture Department  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Bernal, seconded by Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez, to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Chair Hanna, yes; Commissioner Hnasko, yes; Commissioner Bernal, yes;  
Commissioner Castro, yes; Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez, yes.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2021**

Chair Hanna stated that on page 4, the second to the last paragraph, the phrasing was incorrect.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Bernal, seconded by Commissioner Castro, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

Chair Hanna, yes; Commissioner Hnasko, yes; Commissioner Bernal, yes; Commissioner Castro, yes; Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez, yes.

## **5. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chair Hanna clarified that the Action Item for today is temporary. We will hand off the process to CHART where a lot of voices will be heard as to how everyone uses the Plaza. Our task is for the next several months only. This group is most interested in providing context to what you see now on the Plaza. We would like to make a simple recommendation to the Mayor and City Manager for tourists and locals alike.

Ms. Kamiyama stated that the CHART process is a twelve month process that will include convenings, surveys, one-on-one and group discussions, artist engagements and then the Community Solutions Table. If you participate in the three convenings you will be invited to participate in the Community Solutions Table.

Chair Hanna opened the public comment portion of the meeting and stated that each speaker will be given one minute to speak and may speak only once.

- Alexandra Candelaria

Ms. Candelaria said her family has been in New Mexico back to time immemorial. In June of 2020, the Mayor called for the removal of the monument. Where there have been attempts of erasure of genocidal monuments there needs to be public engagement. The land needs to be returned to the Indigenous people and what they want needs to happen.

- Melessia Mascarenas

Ms. Mascarenas said she is a resident of Santa Fe. Five generations of her family have lived here. It is disturbing that this Commission allows people to speak who destroyed the monument. There are still soldiers buried under the monument. The best thing to do is to restore and rebuild.

- Atemisio Romero y Carueso

Mr. Romero y Carueso said he also have family who have been here throughout the history of New Mexico. It is dangerous to use our heritage to leverage Indigenous people. Santa Fe is build on stolen land. The monument is not beautiful. Everyone here needs to support changing what exists.

- Lucy Michaels

Ms. Michaels said she does not understand what Chair Hanna meant by context.

Chair Hanna explained that the Commission is not tasked with installing something new. We are tasked with dealing with the box on the Plaza. We are trying to give locals and tourists context as to what is there.

- Madeline McKeen

Ms. McKeen said she has lived in Santa Fe for six years. It is very silly to give this to the Arts Commission when it should be a discussion for our Native relatives.

- Lea Potlerate

Ms. Potlerate said this discussion should be made by our Native residents.

- Chris Jonas

Mr. Jonas thanked the Arts Commissioners for their service. He has been a resident of Santa Fe for twenty years and has had the wonderful good fortune to work with residents across the town. It strikes him that even a temporary artistic decision is out of order. He strongly urges the City to think about that.

- Noel Hutton.

Ms. Hutton said she is a recent guest on this land. She is appalled by the lack of leadership in dealing with this racist and genocidal monument. Holding tight to it is shameful. We can call it art, but we know that is not the truth. Have the courage to do what is right. Center Indigenous voices.

- Elisha Kaper

Mr. Kaper said to consider something even temporary without Indigenous people leading it is not appropriate.

- Valarie Rangel

Ms. Rangel said she is a resident of Santa Fe. Instead of beautification she envisions the use of the panels to tell the history from various perspectives and

community voices. This is an opportunity for the City to tell the truth. It needs to lead to the right thing and the removal of the monument.

- Mikko Ellis

Mr. Ellis said he was educated at the New Mexico School for the Arts. This cannot be a beautification process. You need to center Indigenous voices. He agrees that the monument needs to be completely removed.

- Virgil

Virgil stated that it is a challenge to speak for one minute only. That is unequal treatment of the people speaking. The Mayor started the CHART process to make recommendations to City Council. He needs to retract that statement. He was lying. He recommends that the De Vargas statue be placed on the top of the pedestal.

- Ay Ajoni Yippa

Ms. Yippa said she is from Jemez Pueblo and is Indigenous to these lands. This is clearly a racist monument. There is a dark history in that Plaza. We remember that history. The City should acknowledge our history. This is on the same level as a confederate statue.

- Karla Moya.

Ms. Moya said she is a Spanish descendant of Santa Fe. It is sad that everyone feels the Spanish created the genocide. That was five hundred years ago. A lot of us have been targeted and called terrorists and white supremacists. Use your words wisely. You need to focus on both cultures. Put something there that speaks to all cultures.

- Shannon Leonett

Ms. Leonett said she was the granddaughter of Ernie Mills. The City promised fifty years ago that the obelisk would come down. It seems this meeting is based on tourist views. You need to include the Indigenous people.

- Hannah Gomez Chavez

Ms. Chavez said she is a child of immigrants. The Mayor is just taking this off his hands. If we really care about truth and reconciliation that goes double for the Mayor. You have not included voices that have had the trauma on their shoulders.

- Dylan Tenorio

Ms. Tenorio said he is Tewa born and raised. He believes that you need to listen to Indigenous people, especially Tewa people.

- Soledad Roybal

Ms. Roybal said she was from New Mexico and is of mixed decent. She is concerned that this is not the right space for this to be discussed. No one on this Commission is of Pueblo descent. She does not see any Tewa voices here. Why has the Mayor failed to appoint people to this Commission. It needs to be diverse and include all voices in the City

- Ms. Tapia read into the record two written comments. The comments are attached to these minutes as Exhibit 1.

Chair Hanna thanked everyone for their comments and closed the Public Comment section of the meeting.

Chair Hanna stated that yes, there are some empty spots on the Commission. We would like the Mayor to fill them quickly. We have Indigenous voices on the Commission and on the Arts in Public Places. We hope that CHART will have strong Indigenous voices in the process.

## **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF TEMPORARY ART INSTALLATION FOR THE SOLDIER'S MONUMENT BASE ON THE PLAZA**

Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez said you requested that we send you our suggestions. She did email her suggestions to the Chair.

Chair Hanna said yes, now we are looking at trying to coalesce. He thinks the consensus is to be simple and include contest.

Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez suggested that they not do anything except provide a narrative beginning at the installation of the monument to when it was destroyed. The narrative needs to be in English, Spanish and a Native American language and needs to include a place for public comment and to display all the comments.

Commissioner Castro thanked everyone for their public comment. She does not know if she feels comfortable making this decision. CHART has not started. There is no clear path going forward. She feels disrespected. We have heard public comment several times. She recommends that we do nothing.

Chair Hanna asked if Commissioner Castro would be comfortable with a simple explanation of what CHART is.

Commissioner Castro said it is unclear what that is. To avoid doing anything would invite more action.

Commissioner Bernal said he had the same thing to say as he did at the last meeting. It is not up to us to beautify or change what is there. He is not elected. He is appointed by the Mayor. We are here as experts. Maybe just paint the box black as is grief. We just cannot leave the plywood box. Use ten gallons of paint and the words about what it is. We have been asked to make a recommendation for something temporary until CHART takes over. It would be a disgrace to leave it as it is now.

Chair Hanna said we could put a QR code to take people to the CHART website.

Commissioner Hnasko thanked everyone. Two weeks ago at our last meeting something stayed with her and that was that hopefully this is justice in progress. Could it just be that with the CHART timeline and text. The writer has to include Indigenous voices and let them lead. She believes we have \$5,000. The Mayor wants this to happen very quickly. It is an interim issue. She does not feel comfortable. She does not think the Commission is the Body to consider this.

Chair Hanna said it sounds like we are talking about text and a QR code. Do you feel comfortable with that Commissioner Castro.

Commissioner Castro said it is hard to feel comfortable with anything in this traumatic situation. If the only thing we get out of this is when CHART will start that would appease her.

Chair Hanna asked is there something on the City website about CHART.

Ms. Kamiyama said yes. There is a CHART website. It is [sfnm.gov/CHART](https://sfnm.gov/CHART). The Resolution is also linked to that page. People can sign up to receive notices about the CHART process there. CHART is in the procurement process right now to hire a consultant team.

Chair Hanna said the sooner that the process moves forward the better.

Commissioner Bernal asked what the Chair's thoughts were.

Chair Hanna said he wanted the Commissioners to come to a good consensus as a group. He wants to use great care, caution and respect. He personally feels that the box needs some context. We don't give enough credit to tourists or locals who want to know about the history. Maybe just let people know we are working through a process of healing. It is an opportunity to educate more and get more people involved.

It can be a simple sign in front of the box that is helpful for the public.

Commissioner Castro said she thinks we should recommend to do nothing. There is clearly a desire for it to look different because someone has discomfort with how it is now. Maybe that discomfort will move us forward. There should be no beautification process entered into until the CHART process is complete.

Commissioner Bernal said he agreed as far as beautification. We are here representing the City and the Mayor has asked us to do something. Something simple needs to be said in a sign as to what is happening there. They asked us for a recommendation. Lets at least put a sign of what is happening.

Commissioner Hnasko said she strongly agrees that there be no beautification recommendation until CHART is in progress. A sign should be placed with a QR code for the website and a narrative from the CHART Resolution.

**MOTION** A motion was made by Commissioner Hnasko, seconded by Commissioner Bernal and amended by Chair Hanna, that there be no beautification of the obelisk in the Plaza until the CHART process is underway and that a sign be placed in front of the obelisk with language from the CHART Resolution giving context to the obelisk and that a QR code to the CHART website be included to allow people to sign up to be part of the process.

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

Chair Hanna, yes; Commissioner Hnasko, yes; Commissioner Bernal, yes; Commissioner Castro, yes; Commissioner Trujillo de Martinez, yes.

Chair Hanna thanked everyone for their work. This will be helpful to the public.

## **7. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Castro asked for an update on the vacancies on the Commission.

Ms. Kamiyama informed the Commissioners that she was meeting with the Mayor to look at recommendations for the vacancies next week. Then they will go to the Governing Body for appointment. She estimates it will be completed within two months.

Chair Hanna stated that there are no other formal meetings scheduled other than the quarterly meeting. The special meetings have been stressful. He would like to get back to regular meetings.

Commissioner Hnasko said in the last meeting Pauline mentioned the

Commission potentially taking part in honoring the Santa Fe Trail. She needs to say that she feels very strongly that if there is to be any recognition of that monument that Indigenous voices be included as well.

Chair Hanna reported that he and Pauline and the panel did recommend a City Historian. The person selected will begin on July 1, 2021.

There was a question about meeting in person.

Ms. McSherry said as to in person meetings the Attorney General has recommended the continuation of virtual meetings or hybrid meetings. The hybrids take more of our staff time. We are going to try a Governing Body meeting as a hybrid. Most of the other meetings will stay as is as long as the public orders are in place.

Chair Hanna said he appreciated the effectiveness of this Commission virtually. Thank you for all the comments.

**8. NEXT MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Alex Hanna, Chair

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Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer