

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee (RACC)
Monday, August 6, 2018 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Board Members

Chair – Court Cardinal	Vice Chair – Jason Justice
Member – John Barrette	Member – Ronni Hannaman
Member – Lee Kennedy	Member – Sherri Powell
Member – Michael Smith	

Staff

Lee Plemel, Community Development Director
Dan Yu, Chief, Deputy District Attorney
Mary Walker, Recording Secretary
Minutes by: Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

(5:30:23) – Vice Chairperson Justice called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Chairperson Court Cardinal	Absent	
Vice Chairperson Jason Justice	Present	
Member John Barrette	Present	
Member Ronni Hannaman	Present	
Member Lee Kennedy	Present	
Member Sherri Powell	Present	
Member Michael Smith	Present	

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:30:48) – Vice Chairperson Justice entertained public comments. Capital City Arts Initiative’s Sharon Rosse distributed literature and introduced the current exhibition in the Sierra Room. She noted that “this is a companion show to Visual Oasis that we have over at the Courthouse”. Ms. Rosse also praised the contributing disabled artists and their impact to the community. She invited the Committee members to view an exhibit in the Community Development building as well.

3. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MAY 7, 2018.

(5:34:29) – Vice Chairperson Justice introduced the item and entertained corrections, changes, or a motion.

(5:34:35) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 RACC meeting as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (6-0-0)
MOVER:	Smith
SECONDER:	Barrette
AYES:	Justice, Barrette, Hannaman, Kennedy, Powell, Smith
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS:	None
ABSENT:	Cardinal

4. MEETING ITEMS

4-A FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE “BLUE LINE” REPLACEMENT THROUGH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT.

(5:34:50) – Vice Chairperson Justice introduced the item. Mr. Plemel gave background and presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Joel Dunn introduced himself as “representing the CTA [Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority]”. He also distributed literature depicting the rebranded “Blue Line Trail” which does not have physical lines, and announced a smartphone application with an audio component. Member Hannaman wished to revisit the cost of removing the blue paint and recommended reviewing the item “when all the information is in, because it’s not what we agreed to for the past two cycles”. Mr. Plemel explained that the Board [of Supervisors] had given “somewhat different direction to what was originally approved by the Redevelopment Authority”. Vice Chair Justice entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

(647:00) – Mr. Plemel clarified that “if nothing happens, the Committee is going to continue to work with Public Works to identify the timing of when stripes should be removed”. He also noted that should this Committee disagree on how the funds will be used, it can make a different recommendation to the Redevelopment Authority. Member Powell was informed that if the funds are not spent “they will go to the pool that’s available now”.

(5:47:51) – Member Powell moved to approve the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the funding of the Blue Line replacement through the Historic District. The motion died for lack of a seconder.

(5:48:33) – Member Hannaman believed they could not approve an update that is “completely different from what was originally [approved]”. Vice Chair justice called the current proposal “a good one”. There were no public comments. No action was taken.

4-B FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE “RE-IMAGINED SPACE” PUBLIC ART PROJECT.

(5:49:54) – Vice Chairperson Justice introduced the item. Mr. Plemel presented the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. Carson City Arts and Culture Coordinator Mark Salinas delivered a PowerPoint presentation titled *Re-Imagined Space Update* which is incorporated into the record. He also responded to clarifying questions by the members.

(6:03:36) – Member Hannaman expressed concern that the original proposal made by Mr. Dunn and Mr. Salinas had been for infrastructure expenses such as drapes and lights; however, it had evolved into an “art project” such as the NEA Big Read Program. Mr. Salinas believed that the project involved creativity and revitalized run-down structures. Member Hannaman believed that the project was “wonderful”; however, it was more appropriate for the Carson City Cultural Commission and not appropriate as a redevelopment project. She also believed that the Committee should have been informed that the nature of the project had changed. Member Barrette was informed that the Boys and Girls Club would fund their own workshops and have their own artwork, and the RACC would have a separate workshop and artworks.

(6:12:18) – Katie Leao, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada, gave background on their partnership with the Nevada Arts Council and Southwest Gas, noting that the project will go on with or without this requested funding. She explained that they “partner quite a bit with [Mr. Salinas and the Culture and Tourism Authority]”. She cited art walks and meeting artists, noting that the art project will be used to for the secure entrance at the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Leao also believed that some of the artwork will be displayed outside of their building. Member Hannaman praised the project adding “I don’t think it’s a RACC project, I think it’s an Arts and Culture Commission project”, adding that the Commission receives funding from the RACC for art projects. She also expressed concern that a precedent will be set for funding non-infrastructure projects. Member Smith was in favor of “educating our youth and getting our young people involved in art” rather than placing art in “vacant and dilapidated buildings”.

(6:20:30) – Member Barrette requested clarification from Mr. Yu, who cited Article III of the Committee’s Bylaws, and noted that it “allowed for some latitude and some flexibility” by the Committee regarding its recommendations. Mr. Plemel believed that during the march 15, 2018 meeting the Board of Supervisors had considered the current year’s budget and “had seen the same type of update that’s in your packet for the next item, including Re-Imagined Space...[and that] the project had shifted from what it was before]”. Discussion ensued on the Redevelopment fund usage and Mr. Salinas explained the spending criteria for the Redevelopment funds allocated to the Cultural Commission. Further discussion ensued regarding infrastructure spending. Member Hannaman felt that this art project should be funded through the Cultural Commission and room tax revenue, and was opposed to “rolling over monies”. Member Hannaman believed that “this is a wonderful project and I’d like to see it all over the Redevelopment District and go from there”. Mr. Plemel called it “a lesson learned in terms of how we address and approve funding with thresholds and triggers” and requested direction from the Committee. Member Hannaman noted that “the NEA [Big] Read [program] was not in compliance with the original intent and what was funded” and requested better guidelines moving forward. Vice Chair Justice also believed in “the validity of this project to the City as a whole”; however, he was concerned about the latitude in spending previously-allocated funds spent in different ways and requested vetting future projects differently. There were no public comments. No action was taken on this item.

4-C FOR DISCUSSION ONLY: TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FOR FY 2019, TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR FUNDING IN FY 2020, AND TO DISCUSS POLICIES RELATED TO FUNDING VARIOUS PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS.

(6:36:50) – Vice Chairperson Justice introduced the item. Mr. Plemel presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record. Discussion ensued regarding Redevelopment funding receiving more visibility and recognition for funds spent on Redevelopment Area events. Member Powell requested information on the William Street Corridor Project and was informed that William Street was to follow the Curry Street improvements. Member Hannaman received clarification that no new requests have been made for the William Street Façade Improvement Program. Mr. Plemel also clarified for Member Smith that community outreach was done for the Façade Improvement Program. Mr. Plemel noted that moving forward, he will include project trigger points, recommended conditions, time limits, or “project changes coming back to RACC”. Member Hannaman suggested that all members read the Redevelopment documents on the City’s Community Development’s web page. Vice Chair Justice entertained public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:55:03) – Bradley Harris introduced himself as a member of the Brewery Arts Center (BAC) and a citizen. Mr. Harris believed that the BAC had “earned the respect of the City” and expected their first “real clean audit” to be completed within a week. He also noted that the BAC had infrastructure issues such as a leaky roof and no budget for repairs, adding that he hoped that the RACC would contribute to those repairs. Mr. Plemel offered to contact BAC Executive Director Gina Hill; however, he reminded Mr. Harris that roof repairs were not included in the Façade Improvement Program.

5. DISCUSSION ONLY

a. STAFF REPORTS AND UPDATES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE RACC.

(6:59:17) – Mr. Plemel noted that the Downtown Business Association may request a Special Event Permit for Nevada Day weekend and alerted the Committee that a special meeting may be required in early September to approve it.

b. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT RACC MEETING.

c. RACC MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

(7:00:08) – Member Hannaman announced the kickoff of the jazz festival on Friday, August 10, 2018, and a free performance by the U.S. Air Force Band on August 17, 2018.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:01:13) – There were no additional public comments.

7. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT.

(7:01:29) – Member Hannaman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Member Kennedy. Vice Chair Justice adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

The Minutes of the August 6, 2018 Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee meeting are so approved this ____ day of _____, 2018.

JASON JUSTICE, Vice Chair