

**CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES  
PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

Regular meeting of the Public Arts Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 405 W. 3rd St, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.

**ROLL CALL:**

Sid Bryan, Tourism - Chairman  
Cary "Jagger" Gustin, Sierra County Arts Council – Vice-Chairman  
Eduardo Alicea, Art Representative - **Absent**  
Andy Underwood, Business Community  
Suzanne Carlstedt, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Tammy Gardner – Executive Assistant  
Orrin Hechler – Parks Supervisor  
Lisa Gabaldon – Deputy Clerk

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

- a. January 16, 2024

Vice-Chairman Gustin made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Member Carlstedt seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. October 17, 2023

Member Underwood made a motion to approve the minutes with changes.  
Member Carlstedt seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

There were no comments at this time.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion/Update: Public Arts Advisory Board Budget Amount

Deputy Clerk Gabaldon advised the board that they have \$18,000 in their fund.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discussion/Update: Proposed Sketch for the Carol Plec Sculpture, Susan Buhler

Susan Buhler gave a handout to the board members. (Attached).

Susan stated that she went before the Recreation Board for their approval to put up the sculpture in Healing Waters Plaza. She went on to say that she also went before the City Commission and got their approval as well. She asked for additional funding of \$9280.75 from this board.

b. Discussion/Action: Carol Plec Sculpture Budget, Cary 'Jagger' Gustin

Tammy Garder asked the board if they had an approximate date as to when the project would be completed.

Susan Buhler stated that she is scheduled to talk to the sculptor Kendra Brock to get a breakdown as to how she wants to be paid to do the work. She feels confident that it will be completed this year.

Tammy Gardner stated that when they talk about funding, it will have to be broken up in two different parts if it goes past July 1, 2024. They may be able to get authorization to roll the PO over, but that would only be to pay things up until June 30, 2024. They are unable to fund anything for the next FY; it would be much easier if the project was completed in one fiscal year; it would be less confusing.

Susan Buhler stated that she will have the information to her as soon as possible.

Tammy Gardner went on to explain the fiscal year and how the payouts work to the board. She went on to explain that by going to the Lodger's Tax Board, they are a board that looks for events that will put heads in beds and she's not sure that they would give them money towards the sculpture.

Deputy Clerk Gabaldon advised the board that their best bet would be for the Public Arts board to fund the \$9,283.75 out of their budget and then ask the Lodger's Tax board for funding to get the well up and running, as it is more of a tourist attraction for the city. Once they know how much they will need to fix the cistern, ask the LTAB for the funding to complete that project. She advised them to get estimates beforehand.

Member Underwood made a motion to pay the remaining balance of \$9,283.75 out of their \$18,000 budget in order to erect the Carol Plec Sculpture.

Member Carlstedt seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **6. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:**

Vice-Chairman Gustin stated that he is on the agenda for the museum board to ask them if they're interested in helping them to use their well that is out front. He also called the state engineers office and all of the filings are correct; it's ready to go as long as the museum agrees.

## **7. REPORTS FROM STAFF:**

OJ Hechler thanked the board for taking the steps in going to the Recreation board and the City Commission. It really takes the pressure off of him when he knows that it has been approved and it's going in a City Park.

## **8. SET TIME, PLACE AND DATE FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Deputy Clerk Gabaldon advised the board that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 4pm.


## 9. ADJOURN

Member Underwood made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Carlstedt seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of April 2024.

  
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Sid Bryan, Chairman