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The following are minutes for the meeting of the City Art Board held at 10:00 a.m. on March 12, 2019 at the Museum of Nature & Science, 411 N. Main St., Las Cruces, NM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Rebecca Courtney, Chair
- Ricardo Gonzales, Vice-Chair (present by phone)
- Susan Frary, Secretary
- Meg Freyermuth
- Edward Schmitt
- Robin Hutchins
- Susan McNeill

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Garland Courts, Operations Manager, City Museums
- Lorenzo Zepeda, Art Program Coordinator
- Leticia Soto, Recording Secretary
- Greg Smith, City Councilor
- Sonya Delgado, Parks and Recreation Director
- Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager
- Margarita Paz-Pedro, Operations Director, ALMA

**I. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Garland Courts requested that Cathy Mathews' report be removed from today's agenda and replaced by Claudia Chavez from Parks and Recreation and Margarita Paz-Pedro from Albuquerque discussing summer projects. Lynn Gallagher, Director, Quality of Life Department was unable to attend and stated she will attend the April board meeting. The modified agenda was approved.

**II. APPROVAL FEBRUARY 12, 2019 MEETING NOTES**

The February 12, 2019 meeting notes were approved as presented.

**III. STAFF UPDATE**

- Lorenzo Zepeda, Art Program Coordinator
- Sonya Delgado, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
- Claudia Chavez, Recreation Manager, Parks and Recreation Department
- Garland Courts
  - Via Partnership

- 1           o CaFE Call for City Hall Art
- 2           o *Pride* base staining

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4 Garland Courts introduced Lorenzo Zepeda, the new Art Program Coordinator.

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6 Lorenzo Zepeda is excited to begin working with the Art Board.

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8 Sonya Delgado agreed that Cathy Mathews should bring the information on the Calle  
9 Abuelo sculpture to the next meeting, after public input and additional bids  
10 for repair of the Abuelo sculpture and a possible plinth.

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12 Claudia Chavez discussed the summer arts program with John Carpentier of Taos and  
13 adding murals to the dog park across from Meerscheidt Recreation Center.  
14 The murals will be painted by ten youth 13 to 17 years of age. Registration  
15 is now open.

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17 Margarita Paz-Pedro of Apprenticeships for Leaders in Mosaic Arts in Albuquerque  
18 discussed plans for bringing students from Albuquerque to do a tile mosaic  
19 project on the EBID utilities box in front of City Hall. Funding and budget  
20 were discussed to determine if CAB would be interested in adding funds for  
21 additional tiles. Two sides of the structure can be done in tile for \$4,400.  
22 The project will begin in early April. Susan Frary moved to request a bid  
23 from ALMA to make tile art pieces to go on all four sides. Edward Schmitt  
24 moved to amend the motion to include painting the metal doors on top.  
25 Robin Hutchins seconded. Timing and contracts were discussed and  
26 Sonya Delgado promised to bring information to the April meeting.

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28 Garland Courts reported that Via Partnership will return at the end of the month. They  
29 plan to get input from department heads about the public art program on  
30 Tuesday, March 26th. They will then take the bus along with members of  
31 the Art Board and several other committees to spend half the day of March  
32 27th in El Paso learning about their public art program, then a round table  
33 discussion with local artists at Branigan Cultural Center in the Swartz Room  
34 at 6:00 that evening. Meredith will remain in town through Thursday for  
35 more meetings with anyone interested.

36           The public art survey was completed last week by Via and City staff  
37 has translated it into Spanish. It is ready to be posted on the website. There  
38 are also 4,000 postcards to be distributed in hopes of obtaining even more  
39 input. There are also meetings scheduled with various stakeholders and  
40 Via Partnership will then present their findings.

41           The CaFE call is almost ready to post. Garland Courts and Lorenzo  
42 Zepeda hope to have it up on the site Friday, March 15. Mr. Courts will  
43 send an e-mail to the Board Members when he gets it posted. The City Hall  
44 Art Selection Committee is: Edward Schmitt, Meg Freyermuth, Councilor  
45 Smith, Eric Martin, and Marisa Sage.

1 Garland Courts and Lorenzo Zepeda will continue to work on finding funding to stain the  
2 base of the Pride statue to cover the ugly rust stains. The Art in Public  
3 Places tour on NMSU campus is this Friday at 9:00 a.m. The meeting place  
4 will be Barnes and Noble at 9 am. The university staff will have golf carts.  
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6 **V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

7 Calle Abuelo Neighborhood Park sculpture decision is pending information  
8 provided by Parks and Rec at the April board meeting.  
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10 **VI. BOARD COMMENTS**

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12 Susan Frary is happy about the processes being developed to work with the City  
13 regarding City art.  
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15 Robin Hutchins is pleased with the cooperation seen among the Board.  
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17 Edward Schmitt is looking forward to the CaFE call being posted and hopes for smooth  
18 meetings in future.  
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20 Meg Freyermuth is looking forward to all the tours and activities ahead and thanks the  
21 Board for allowing her presence.  
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23 Susan McNeill is pleased to have Meg Freyermuth on the Board.  
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25 Councilor Smith was at a meeting at White Sands for civilian and military committee and  
26 spoke to Joe Martinez who was instrumental in putting the Bataan Memorial  
27 Monument at Veterans Park. He is currently working on a First Responders'  
28 Monument that he wants to put in Albert Johnson Park. Councilor Smith  
29 hopes to put artwork in other places than Albert Johnson Park and is giving  
30 a heads-up to the Art Board and Parks and Recreation that Mr. Martinez will  
31 be coming to speak to them.  
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33 Lorenzo Zepeda is still absorbing information and thanks the Board for the warm  
34 welcome.  
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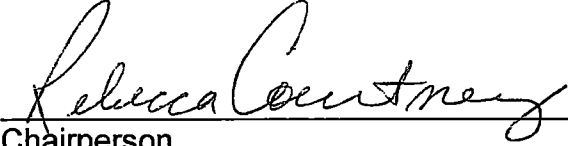
36 Garland Courts mentioned that Susan McNeill's reappointment application will be  
37 presented at Council for vote on Monday, March 18th. Lynn Gallagher was  
38 unable to attend today's meeting due to recovering from a leg surgery and  
39 promised to be at the April meeting.  
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41 Rebecca Courtney attended Chaos Collaboration and it was excellent. She encouraged  
42 all Board Members to attend as many events as possible. Name badges  
43 will be ordered soon. Flexibility is important in all aspects of Board activities.  
44 It will be months before Via Partnership has a plan to present to Council.  
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1 **VII. NEXT MEETING**

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3 April 9, 2019 at City Hall, Room 2007-A at 10:00 a.m.

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Chairperson