



Nevada Arts Council
Board Meeting
Friday, May 1, 2020 – 1 2:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION:

DUE to COVID-19 this will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM conference platform

THIS MEETING IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE 006 3-21-2020 NEVADA OPEN MEETING LAW" AND HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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BOARD MEMBERS

Gail Rappa, Chair
Jerry Schefcik, Vice-Chair
Karen Michaels, Treasurer
Amanda Horn
Edward Estipona
Ryrie Valdez
Mark Salinas
Yale Yeandel

STAFF / DAG:

Tony Manfredi
Harry Ward DAG
Kari Ward
Rebecca Snetselaar
Sierra Scott
Krista Ficken
Stephen Reid
Cathleen Wyatt
Fran Morrow
Gracie Krutz

MEETING MINUTES

A. Opening _____

- a. Call to Order and Confirmation of Proper Posting – Gail Rappa.

Chair Rappa called the meeting to order and confirmed proper posting.

- b. Roll Call and Determination of Quorum – Gail Rappa.

Chair Rappa conducted roll call and quorum was established. Staff was introduced.

B. Public Comment _____

- a. Public comment is welcomed by the Board. A period of public comment will be allowed at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Because of time

considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited to three (3) minutes at the discretion of the Chair, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.

There was no public comment.

C. Discussion Only – COVID-19 Updates _____

a. Agency Updates and Impact

Tony Manfredi stated that offices remain closed until further notice. He further described that the agency is under a hiring freeze and has been asked to limit spending to essential and emergency purchases. He stated that staff is functioning in a work-from-home status, rotating time into both offices as needed. Portions of the fiscal operation remain an essential function and program areas are continuing their work and service. Mr. Manfredi stated they have developed General Fund budget reduction scenarios that have been presented to the Governor's Office for DTCA (Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs). He informed the board of the expectation of additional cuts in Tourism Transfer and the possibility of Live Entertainment Tax transfer cuts. He went over the budget funding model for the agency. Given the expected cuts, Mr. Manfredi advised the board that he and staff are currently reviewing available grant funding to determine the possibility of a relief grant directed specifically towards artists. Based upon this review, the agency will provide the board with available funding and scenarios for this type of grant.

D. For Possible Action – FY20 Grant Award Reallocation due to COVID-19 _____

- a. Review of CARES Act Funding intent and timeline
- b. Review Nevada Arts Council Proposed funding scenarios for CARES Act Funding
- c. Possible vote to approve Nevada Arts Council CARES Act Funding

Tony Manfredi stated the Nevada Arts Council Partnership Agreement from the National Endowment for the Arts has been amended with \$442,000 in additional funds from the CARES Act to assist the Nevada Arts Council and its constituents in recovery from the impact of the pandemic. This amendment increases the total amount of NEA funding to \$1,152,700. It also extends the grant award period to August 31st of 2022. The Nevada Arts Council may use up to \$50,000 of the \$442,000 for agency expenses caused by the pandemic. The additional \$392,000 is intended to support general operating needs such as rent, salaries, and administrative costs for Nevada's nonprofit arts organizations. This funding will be distributed as subgrants to the sector per guidelines in the amendment. For Part A, Mr. Manfredi stated that the agency is proposing CARES Act grant funds be awarded through the same tiered approach used for their 50 Operating Support Grants in the following way. The 15 Level One grantees would receive \$2,500. The 11 Level Two grantees would

receive an award of \$4,750. The 9 Level Three would receive an award of \$6,750. The 6 Level Four would receive \$8,500. The 9 Level Five would receive \$10,000 each.

Mr. Manfredi then described Part B and announced that the agency has identified 30 other organizations who have grants with the NAC that are not currently Operating Support Grants. For this group, Mr. Manfredi stated that the tier levels and proposed amounts for this group are the same as Part A with an added level for organizations who fall under the \$30,000 annual revenue threshold being added with funding at \$1,000.

Mr. Manfredi stated that the NEA has already amended their partnership grant to include these funds and they are available to draw down as soon as the agency completes and the State approves the required work program to bring these funds into its budget. He is hoping this will be included in the upcoming May IFC (Interim Finance Committee) meeting. If not, then the June meeting.

Amanda Horn moved to approve the CARES Act funding. Mark Salinas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Discussion Only – Board Member Updates

Chair Rappa reminded everyone that the handbook specifically addresses the need to reply quickly to e-mail from the Executive Director. She thanked everyone for submitting their responses to the questions that were sent out about the strategic plan. She asked board members to speak to things going on in their community. She shared her time with the Humanities Center at the Great Basin College and acknowledged that May is Mental Health Awareness Month.

Karen Michaels stated a lot of her performing arts friends have been putting together virtual choirs.

Edward Estipona stated that justthepositive.com is available for people to self-report positive things that they see and do in the community. He stated there was a Spotlight the Good Section that visitors can provide information to report people or report good things.

Yale Yeandel stated some of his performing arts friends are part of the Mask Posse. And every week or so, they've been producing 50 masks. He stated the Winn is also providing masks for first responders and frontline people.

Ryrie Valdez stated she was working with Tina Drakulich right now and her team of veterans, cutting and sewing 2,000 masks for citizens at Pyramid Lake.

Mark Salinas stated he partnered with Health and Human Resources and this is a third week of a campaign called hashtag Nevada Safe where they reached out to artists here locally who have public art and we've digitally altered their artwork to

have a face mask on it.

Amanda Horn stated they (Nevada Museum of Art) were one of the first organizations in Nevada to get the Paycheck Protection Loan/Grants for \$645,000. They also just internally wrote their four-phase reopening plan which was actually fast tracked on a request from the Governor's task force and it was endorsed by the CEO of Renown. Mrs. Horn stated they will be putting the reopening plan on their website to be used as a model. She also described other activities occurring at the Nevada Museum of Art.

F. Discussion Only – Future Agenda Items

Chair Rappa stated the agencies strategic plan will be included on our future agenda item.

G. Public Comment

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There was no public comment on any agenda item.

H. For Possible Action – Adjournment

There was a unanimous vote to adjourn.