

**CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES  
PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, December 17, 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, December 17, 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  
Andy Underwood, Business Community  
Suzanne Carlstedt, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Katy Martinez – Deputy Clerk  
Jessica Jenkins- City Clerk Administrator

**1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

a. September 17, 2024

Vice Chairman Gustin made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Alicea seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3-minute rule applies)**

There were no public comments at this time.

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Discussion/Update: Status of Geronimo Springs Fountain: Cary "Jagger" Gustin

Vice Chairman Gustin- Thank you, Mr. Chair. In your meeting packet tonight, ladies and gentlemen, there's a couple of items. Last month, we scheduled a meeting with Shel Nymark, the artist, and David Johnson from the city. They extensively looked at the fountain and crawled inside of it. And the consensus is that it's structurally sound. It just needs some repair. And so, I would like to see this board motion to do that. In your packet tonight, there's a letter from Andy Underwood, and I'll ask Andy to comment on that. And then right behind that, there's a

letter from Shell. And again, he says that it's structurally safe and sound. It just needs some repairs. Andy, will you address what your findings were there?

Member Underwood- If we go back to the minutes of our last meeting, we were talking about trying to get an engineer or architect to come look at it. And that's why we had that meeting. So, I think, at this point, we need to make a motion and ask the city to have an engineer look at it and find out what they have. You know, we think it's okay but some of the city staff thinks it's questionable, so the only way to solve the problem is to have an engineer look at it and then if we do, do it then we can determine repairs and stuff like that. So, I think our next step is to request that the city have an engineer look at it.

Chairman Bryan- Do you want to make that into a motion?

Vice Chairman Gustin - Mr. Chair a further comment from me, there's a little more than sixteen thousand dollars in a fund that's available from the City Public Art Advisory Board, to spend on an engineer or repair work. The lodge's tax money is very flush right now. I know that they're in favor of restoring it and fixing it. So, we could go back to them for an additional request if we needed to do that. At their last meeting, they had over a million dollars in a fund that could be distributed, and it would be something called bricks and mortar. It allows the city to do repairs, if this building needed the roof replaced, they could do that. At the ball field, if there was a building that needed to have some repair, they'd use Lodger's Tax, and it's called bricks and mortar.

Member Underwood- I'd like to mention that we asked the city to hire an engineer to take a look at the fountain and what repairs might be necessary to maybe help us with guidelines for future upkeep and maintenance.

Deputy Clerk Martinez- So, it was a discussion update, so we didn't really ask for an action to be done. So, I'm not 100% sure if we can take a motion. I mean, we can make a motion to discuss with or include to have it for the next meeting, to have a discussion/action to be done at that meeting.

Member Underwood- Our agendas fall through, isn't it?

Deputy Clerk Martinez- Yeah, I'm sorry, I didn't realize that when Jagger brought us the paperwork, I didn't know he wanted to take an action on it. So, I'm gonna say if we wanna take action on it, we have to have it as a discussion/action versus a discussion/update, but we can include it in the next agenda that we take action. And then of course, Tracy will read the minutes, so the minutes will reflect that you are wanting action taken on that.

Member Underwood- Okay, so do I need to withdraw my motion?

Deputy Clerk- I mean, you can but I'll include it in the minutes, and I'll get with them to see how they want to do address it going forward.

Member Underwood- Okay, I'll leave it in, we just can't vote on it.

Member Carlstedt- Delays

Chairman Bryan- This has gone on for years.

Deputy Clerk Martinez- Andy, I'm looking into the motion. So, to go back to the new business, that update should have been an action. We can actually do it as a recommendation, so it reflects on the minutes that you guys are recommending that the city have an engineer come here and we'll take the steps from there.

Member Underwood- Okay.

## **5. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD**

Member Underwood- We helped fund the Carol Pleck Memorial sculpture working with the Arts Council. The artist is getting close and we're hoping that she'll be down at the end of the year or first month of 2025. We're going to select a spot, for approval at the Healing Waters Fountain Plaza and we are moving on with that. They have it installed in January.

Chairman Bryan- Very good.

## **6. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

There were no reports from staff at this time.

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

Member Underwood- Let's have one soon. Since we messed this one up. January 14 or 21<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Bryan- Is the 21<sup>st</sup> alright with everyone?

Board members-Yes.

The board agreed on the next meeting to be scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 4pm.

## **8. ADJOURN**

Member Carlstedt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:11 pm. Member Alicea seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1-21-25.



Sid Bryan, Chairman