

Commission Members:  
Chair: DebAnn Rippy  
Vice Chair: Dave Lyon  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Tom Matus



City Staff:  
Nathan Stanley  
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Leah Torres



Kuna City Hall Council Chambers, 751 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Kuna, Idaho 83634

**Kuna Arts Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
Thursday September 12, 2024**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Regular Meeting**

Meeting recording available on the Kuna, ID website  
<https://www.kunacity.id.gov/>

***1. Call to Order and Roll Call and Introductions***

*(Timestamp 00:00:16)*

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I'd like to make a motion to start the meeting.

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** I'll second it.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** All in favor?

**All Commissioners** Aye.

*(Timestamp 00:01:16)*

**Motion To:** Convene

**Motion By:** Vice Chair Tom Matus

**Seconded By:** Vice Chair Dave Lyon

**Further Discussion:** None

**Members Voting Aye:** Commissioners Lyon, Matus

**Members Voting Nay:** None

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Rippy

**Approved Via:** Voice Vote

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**Commissioner Tom Matus** And roll call for the arts and history.

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** Chair DebAnn Rippy... Vice Chair Dave Lyon.

**Vice Chair Dave Lyon** Present.

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** And Second Vice Chair Tom Matus.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Present.

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**COMMISSIONS PRESENT**

Chairwoman DebAnn Rippy – Absent  
Vice Chairman Dave Lyon – Present  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Tom Matus – Present

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres  
Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson

**2. Minutes:**

*(Timestamp 00:01:05)*

A. Kuna Arts Commission Regular Meeting Minutes August 1, 2024 **ACTION ITEM**

**Commissioner Tom Matus** On second item, an action item to review and approve the Minutes.

**Vice Chair Dave Lyon** *[Inaudible]*

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** These are the August 1st, 2024 meeting minutes.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I recommend approving the August Minutes for the Arts and History Council.

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** You will, in order to... we'll need a second on that motion. If...

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** *[Inaudible; Motion to Approve the Minutes]*

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I second the motion. All in favor?

**All Commissioners** Aye.

*(Timestamp 00:02:00)*

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes Dated August 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

**Motion By:** Vice Chair Dave Lyon

**Seconded By:** Vice Chair Tom Matus

**Further Discussion:** None

**Members Voting Aye:** Commissioners Lyon, Matus

**Members Voting Nay:** None

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Rippy

**Approved Via:** Voice Vote

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### 3. **Business:**

(Timestamp 00:02:17)

- A. Consideration to approve artwork by Mary Gardiner for display at the Kuna Arts and History Center from a date certain of July 23, 2025 until a date certain of October 3, 2025 ACTION ITEM

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Third item of business is Consideration for approval of artwork by Mary Gardiner to review her submittal and artwork, I'll turn it over to Leah.

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** Yeah. So we got another application that we received to display art at the arts and History Center. And I'd like to preface this with at the current moment, you know, at the last meeting we approved Tisha Johnson's artwork for display for the August rotation to November and in that motion we also or in the motion that passed it was also said that if she agrees to do so, she would show the rest of her artwork starting November through the rest of the year. She agreed to do that. So we have essentially the rest of the year covered with art by Tisha Johnson. So next quarter we'll be showing Tisha's work, as well. And so considering that when I received Mary Gardiner's application, I figured we can have a head start on next year's rotation for art so we can get that set up already. I put it for this quarter in particular, which is from July 23rd to October 3rd because with the documents that she submitted that would be the quarter that would work for her to show her artwork because she's showing in different places from March to May. So that rules out the first two quarters and then in October she's showing. But I am... I figured since the rotation goes to the beginning of October if she needs to, you know, if it's if she's showing her artwork in the middle of that October next year, then it would still work. That quarter would work for her. So that's why I put her in for the third quarter of next year. Seems kind of far away, but it's good to kind of plan these things already rather than, You know, getting an application a month or so before and then trying to get them in. So that's why I have her for this third quarter of next year.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I like that proposal as well as scheduling, so that's that sounds good.

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** Awesome, And so for her application, she submitted 17 artworks...She submitted 17 artworks and...I'm sorry I lost my train of thought. Oh it an for an exhibit called the "Artist Lens" I believe. We like to call it in here I also put a diagram of the center because I know that was discussed last time because it was kind of hard to get an idea of what the center looked like or the space looked like, so I put in there in the packet a diagram of the center so we can see what we're working with and my thoughts are, If the Commission agrees, you know we have the main room, the side room, and the hallway that all have hanging rails, and considering that the space that was initially going to be considered the art gallery is not opened and we don't have a set date for when that will be completed, we can use the space in a flexible way. So for her 17 works I was considering, if you all agree, we can show her pieces in the main room and the side room and the history exhibit can be held in the hallway, sort of the reverse of what is shown in the in the center at the moment. So all of her 17 pieces would fit in that side room in the main room, and then we can have a history exhibit in the hallway. If you're looking at the diagram, her pieces would fit in those two rooms, and then we could still have history exhibit in the hallway off to the side. So again we will have art and history exhibits just formulated in a different way in the space.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Great, thank you for that. That sounds good. Especially after we had that... The type of a discussion last time, so this fits. And I'm glad to see you, you know, have another submission, right? And this should help them as well. What's your plans on when they bring the artwork in? Just to fit it where we can put it or what's your thoughts?

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** So that's what I was working on earlier today, seeing different ways that you know we can fit the pieces. I mean they're I tried out different ways of setting the pieces up I think again. You know, if Mary agrees, if we choose her, what have you? There's a lot of ways that the piece could be set up, but I did think of certain layouts that would look best with the flow of the pieces. So I have an idea of where pieces could go, but of course we can, you know, take into consideration anything Mary has to say about that. But what I do know is that they all fit there and they will fit in that space. Where they're set to be could change, but yeah, I know for sure that they'll fit in those spaces that are allotted for it.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Thank you. I have no questions. I know what I would like to do. Dave your thoughts?

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** I have nothing.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I make a motion that we accept this proposal and request...

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** Commissioner, if I may, we're looking here for a specific wording. The specific wording we're looking for would be "to approve artwork by Mary Gardiner for display at the Arts and History Center from a date certain of July 23rd, 2025 until the date certain of October 3rd, 2025." This reduces any kind of overlap so that Leah is quite clear about what day to start and what day to end those art piece displays. **Commissioner Tom Matus** I'll make a motion we approve the artwork by Mary Gardiner for display at the Kuna Arts and History Center from a certain date of July 23rd, '25 until a certain date of October 2025.

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** I'll second that.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** All those in favor?

**All Commissioners** Aye.

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** Great. So I will. I'll be emailing her and seeing if she accepts with that and see if that time frame works for her as well. so I can do that and move forward with that

*(Timestamp 00:08:38)*

**Motion To:** Approve the artwork by Mary Gardiner for display at the Kuna Arts and History Center from a date certain of July 23rd, 2025 until a date certain of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.

**Motion By:** Vice Chair Tom Matus

**Seconded By:** Vice Chair Dave Lyon

**Further Discussion:** None

**Members Voting Aye:** Commissioners Lyon, Matus

**Members Voting Nay:** None

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Rippy

**Approved Via:** Voice Vote

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#### **4. Reports:**

(Timestamp 00:09:20)

##### A. Events and Schedule Updates for the Kuna Arts and History Center

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Next line item is reports and the report for events and schedule updates for the Kuna Arts and History Center, Leah.

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** Yeah. So just have some updates. I know we talked a little bit briefly about it at the last meeting, but the Art Attack festival is being held on September 21st from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Arts and History Center is taking part in that event. It is held by the Kuna Parks and Rec Department. But we are taking part in that we have booth there and we'll be having an interactive art activity as well, which is a print making activity. So I have purchased essentially rubber blocks. I have 4 set designs that I have carved out. We have paper. There's like plain white options and an option for color using tissue paper and so the booth essentially will be, you know, whoever comes to the booth will pick their block. Print it using an ink pad, which is, you know, cleaner than using actual Ink with a roller and a bar-. A Baron. I think it's called. So they used the ink pad. With the design that I've carved out and then they'll just print it on their piece of paper and then they've made essentially a tiny mini art print using printmaking techniques. So that's what the Arts and History Center booth is. There will also be an information table. Where in the process of finalizing and making pamphlets for the center posters for advertising the centers art display space for next year and we'll have the applications and packet there for people to take and a pamphlet on the current history exhibit at the center as well. So, There will be information for people to take with them And also that activity for them to do at the Artech festival along with there's going to be Vendors at the event chalk art activity, food truck, so there's quite a bit going on. There's another art tent as well, but that's the update for that event.

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** Will the Center be open at... *[Inaudible]*

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** It will not be open at the same time, because I'll be essentially running that activity at the at the festival, so I'll be there. So the center will be closed that day, but we're participating in that event, yeah.

**Commissioner Dave Lyon** And where is that event being held?

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** So it's just right along the green belt essentially behind City Hall right here in the lawn space. And that's where the events being held.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** *[Inaudible]* Completion of *[Inaudible]*

**Arts and History Center Curator Leah Torres** Yeah, for those updates. Yeah. And now I guess just working on, I'll be, I'll keep going with advertising. The call to artists so we can get the rest of the quarters filled out for next year. But yeah, that's essentially the updates, the call the arts will be ongoing. I'll keep promoting that. We have that event coming up but.

**5. Set Items for Next Agenda:**

*(Timestamp 00:12:54)*

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Next item is events and schedule updates for the Kuna Arts and History Center for next general meeting.

**Deputy City Clerk Garrett Michaelson** Is there anything in particular either of you potentially have in mind for the either Arts and History Center Curator or the Clerk's Office to potentially bring forward for the next agenda or to look into? Off the top of your heads. I know this might be just a little bit off the top of your heads, but we can certainly look into something, or...

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Yeah, I have no additional agenda items. I don't, Dave?

**Commissioner Dave Matus** No.

**6. Adjournment:**

*(Timestamp 00:13:44)*

**Commissioner Tom Matus** I'd like to make a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13.

**Commissioner Dave Matus** I second it.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** All those in favor?

**All Commissioners** Aye.

**Commissioner Tom Matus** Thank you so much.

*(Timestamp 00:13:44)*

**Motion To:** Adjourn

**Motion By:** Vice Chair Tom Matus

**Seconded By:** Vice Chair Dave Lyon

**Further Discussion:** None

**Members Voting Aye:** Commissioners Lyon, Matus

**Members Voting Nay:** None

**Members Absent:** Commissioner Rippey

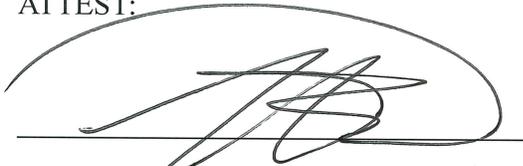
**Approved Via:** Voice Vote

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*DebAnn Rippy*

DebAnn Rippy, Kuna Arts and History Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Nathan Stanley, City Clerk



*Minutes prepared by Garrett Michaelson, Deputy City Clerk*

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