

**Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission Agenda**  
Bastrop City Hall City Council Chambers  
1311 Chestnut Street  
Bastrop, TX 78602  
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**July 11, 2023**

**Agenda - Cultural Arts Commission at 1:00 PM**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**4. REPORTS**

4A. Commission Member Reports

4B. Iconic Art Committee Report

4C. Funding Diversification Committee Report

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**6. WORKSHOP**

6A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Murals - Creation of Art Call and Timeline

6B. The Gathering - September 18, 2023 at Bastrop Beer Co

**7. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

7A. Review the submissions for the 2023 Iconic Art Call for the Birds of Bastrop Project and discuss possible action to select artist for the project.

7B. Consider action to approve the Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes from the April 4, 2023 and May 2, 2023 meetings.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that this Notice of Meeting as posted in accordance with the regulations of the Texas Open Meetings Act on the bulletin board located at the entrance to the City of Bastrop City Hall, a place of convenient and readily accessible to the general public, as well as to the City's website, [www.cityofbastrop.org](http://www.cityofbastrop.org) and said Notice was posted on the following date and time: July 5, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. and remained posted for at least two hours after said meeting was convened.

/s/ Candice Butts  
Candice Butts, Main Street Manager



# STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** July 11, 2023

**TITLE:**

Birds of Bastrop Iconic Art Call

**STAFF REPRESENTATIVE:**

Candice Butts, Main Street Manager

**BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

The Cultural Arts Commission's iconic public art project will enhance the creative and artistic landscape in the community, further establishing Bastrop as a cultural arts destination. The goal of the project is to attract tourists and travelers to the Cultural District by placing iconic art at the gateways and along Chestnut Street. These pieces will represent Bastrop's unique characteristics and charm as well as provide more vibrancy and artistic flare to Bastrop's physical realm.

The Commission's iconic art project is a multi-year project with many phases. Public art installations at the gateways and along Chestnut Street are the first phase of the project. The second phase will incorporate public art along Main Street, and the third will install a *Birds of Bastrop* themed playscape in Fisherman's Park.

The Commission is seeking project ideas from independent artists, related to Bastrop's recent designation as a Bird City. In 2020 Texas Parks and Wildlife declared Bastrop a "Bird City Texas Certified Community," providing habitat and protection for native and migratory birds. This iconic art project, *Birds of Bastrop*, will reflect and celebrate our identity as a Bird City.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

\$25,000 from the Cultural Arts Commission Budget

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Review submissions for the 2023 Iconic Art Call for the Birds of Bastrop Project and discuss possible action to select artist for the project.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposals link: <https://rb.gy/ls8hl>

## MINUTES OF BASTROP CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

April 4, 2023

City Hall, Bastrop, Texas

The Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Bastrop City Hall located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Individuals present were Montoya Stayton, Luis "Chico" Portillo, Michael Jones, Nicole DeGuzman, Kaye Sapikas, John Kirkland, and Candice Butts.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 1:00 p.m. and with quorum in attendance, Maria called the meeting to order.
2. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Sylvia Carrillo talked about two grants that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board received from the St. David's Foundation to be installed in Minerva Delgado and Kerr Community parks. She requested that the Cultural Arts Commission discuss at the next meeting in May to help the DEI Board draft an art call and timeline for installation.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

### 4. REPORTS:

4A. Maria reported on the walking art tour. Nicole talked about the revival of Yesterfest which will be in May.

4b. **Iconic Art Subcommittee report:** Maria stated that the committee would be walking Chestnut Street on April 10, 2023 to map out potential iconic art spaces. A map will be created based on the findings so the committee along with the funding diversification committee can seek sponsor support and additional art call phases.

4c. **Bob Bryant Park Mural:** The murals are not completed yet due to rainy weather. Kaye suggested selecting a Ribbon Cutting date to help motivate the students to complete the project.

4d. **Funding diversification:** The Arts Create grant was submitted with the intent to cover the Cultural Arts Administrative needs like public art cleanings, etc. Should receive information back this summer about grant award.

### 5. PRESENTATIONS

5a. Terry Moore presented on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. An interactive survey was given to the board and small cards were distributed for board members to distribute to the community to take the online survey.

### 6. WORKSHOPS

6A. FY24 Workplan: The board allocated \$3,000 to the "raise the profile of the CAC and CAMP among the community", kept \$5,000 allocated toward partnerships, kept \$15,000 for the Mini Grant Program, added \$2,000 for special projects, and \$25,000 for iconic art. The Commission intends to request an additional \$50K for an iconic art piece. This item will be brought back at the May meeting for consideration.

6B. Gathering: It was suggested to reach out to Bastrop Beer Company for the next location for either September 11, 12, or 18, 2023.

**7: ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

7a. A motion was made by Kaye to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023 and March 7, 2023 as written. Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

7b. A motion was made by Chico to approve a second round of Mini Grants for FY 2023. Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Chico to adjourn. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Maria Montoya Stayton  
Cultural Arts Commission, Chair

Candice Butts  
Main Street Manager

## MINUTES OF BASTROP CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

May 2, 2023

City Hall, Bastrop, Texas

The Bastrop Cultural Arts Commission met in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Bastrop City Hall located at 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop, Texas. Individuals present were Montoya Stayton, Lisa Holcomb, Nicole DeGuzman, Chico Portillo, Michael Jones, Kaye Sapikas, John Kirkland, Candice Butts, and Syliva Carrillo

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 1:00 p.m. and with quorum in attendance, Maria called the meeting to order.
2. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Mike Salvo presented some of his artwork and offered assistants.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

#### 4. REPORTS:

4A. Commission Member Reports: Nicole stated that it's museum preservation month and they are putting in an exhibit to celebrate. Historic walking tours coming up. Just finished cleaning historical markers. Yesterfest is May 20<sup>th</sup> on Pine and Water street. First time in last 6 years. Chico stated that school had yearly art show that was really well attended. Bastrop Opera House has academy showcases coming up and The Music Man opening. Art Center has ArtFest coming up. Maria stated that art emerging is coming up. Stated that a mini grant paid for \$1500 of the central Texas walking tour and worked with Hubs downtown. Michael reported on recent film production in Bastrop. Sylvia commented on having to revisit the film permit process.

4b. Iconic Art Subcommittee report: Committee walked the historic culture looking for spots that might be possible to put iconic artwork. Looking at ideas that pertain to birds. Put out a call for art.

4c. Funding diversification: Nicole stated that they are willing to help with funding for iconic art. Won't hear about large grant until June.

4d. Bob Bryant Park Mural: Kaye reported that they might not get done before school is out. Stated that parts are already starting to peel off because they need to be sealed. Chico is hoping to entice the teachers to come in and finish even if school is out. Kaye was hoping there could be a date to put on a ribbon cutting and stated that it might motivate to get it done.

5. **PRESENTATIONS:** No presentations

#### 6. WORKSHOPS

6A. DEI Mural Project: Sylvia discussed the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion board's grant for 2 murals, one for Delgado Park and one for Kerr Community Park. Contribution is from St.

David’s Foundation. They are soliciting ideas for the murals. Michael mentioned he felt it should be pleasing to look at and lead to good emotion. Maria stated that our committee will put together a call for art.

6B. Mini Grants: Round 2 of Mini Grants for FY23: Candice presented new registration form. July 31 will be the deadline. Currently have \$7500 for grants.

6C The Gathering: September 18 at Beer Co. Lisa said she will bring performers. Nicole stated that she can bring visual panes for Hispanic culture from museum. Maria stated that we need an author’s table.

**7: ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:**

7a. Discussion and possible action for work plan. Candice presented forms: Kaye mentioned to change the working from “announce” to “continue” throughout the written plan. Change wording of iconic murals to Iconic art. We will submit changes to adopt the workplan. Kaye made a motion to approve with the changes, Nicole 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

7b. Discussion and possible action on board vacancy: Kaye announced that she will be accepting a position with the city of Bastrop, so she won’t be able to be on the commission. Chloe Brevelle is being recommended for place 6. Nicole made motion to recommend Chloe and Chico 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed.

**8. MEETING ADJOURNED:** Motion was made by Chico to adjourn. Michael 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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Maria Montoya Stayton  
Cultural Arts Commission, Chair

Candice Butts  
Main Street Manager