



STAFF REPORT

Report To: Board of Supervisors **Meeting Date:** July 16, 2026

Staff Contact: Jennifer Budge, Parks, Recreation and Open Space Director

Agenda Title: For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action (1) regarding a business impact statement concerning a proposed ordinance repealing the Carson City Cultural Commission; (2) and to introduce, on first reading, an ordinance repealing the Carson City Cultural Commission. (Jennifer Budge, jrbudge@carsoncity.gov)

Agenda Action: Ordinance - First Reading **Time Requested:** 10 Minutes

Proposed Motion

I move to accept the business impact statement as presented and to introduce, on first reading, Bill No. _____.

Board's Strategic Goal

Efficient Government

Previous Action

December 13, 2021 (Item 6a) – The Commission discussed, with no action, a possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors ("Board") that (a) the Carson City Cultural Commission ("Commission") be discontinued, and (b) the Board support the establishment of a non-profit arts council.

January 17, 2008 (Item 6) - The Board adopted Ordinance No. 2008-4 establishing the Carson City Cultural Commission.

Background/Issues & Analysis

The formation of the Commission was authorized by the Board of Supervisors in 2008 with strong community support because:

- A long-term funding solution is needed for the Arts and cultural programming. (Livermore, 01/18/2007)
- Art and culture are important components in providing a livable community. (Barton, 09/20/2007)
- The talent is here, but BOS support is necessary. (Arrigotti, 09/20/2007)
- Participation in arts and cultural activities improves student performance. (Horgan, 09/20/2007)
- Arts and culture help to support healthy and vital life in a community. (Rosse, 01/03/2008)
- Arts and culture events are a benefit to the community. (Peckham, 01/03/2008)
- Further development of our community's heritage as it relates to culture, history, the Arts, and the

Humanities (CCMC 2.41.020) is necessary.

- [Arts & culture] enhance the peace, health, safety, and welfare of the community. (CCMC 2.41.020)
- The professions relating to the performing [arts], fine arts, and the humanities are essential to human needs and enhance the city's physical beauty, economic health, and quality of life. (CCMC 2.41.020)
- An increase in cultural amenities is crucial to further stimulate economic development and redevelopment. (CCMC 2.41.020)

The issues brought up during the creation of the Commission remain today. Carson City still has unique culture and talent worth celebrating and supporting, arts and culture continue to be a vital contributing factor to our quality of life, and long-term funding structures for arts and culture programming are still needed. However, an advisory Commission is no longer proving to be an efficient avenue to address these matters. The City, through its Parks, Recreation and Open Space Department, will continue to honor its responsibility to enhance the quality of life in Carson City and to recognize the value that arts and culture bring to all those who live, work, and play here, through cooperative efforts with the Culture and Tourism Authority and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Pursuant to the Boards, Committees and Commissions Policies and Procedures, the City Manager must evaluate the usefulness and necessity of each board, committee, and commission not required by State or Federal law. If the City Manager determines that one or more is no longer useful, the City Manager shall place an item on an agenda for the Board to consider discontinuation of that board, committee, or commission. The limited engagement of quarterly meetings (some of which have been canceled due to lack of agenda items) does not justify maintaining a formal advisory body with its associated administrative overhead.

As part of this agenda item, City staff would also like to acknowledge the Commission members and their significant contributions to the community.

Except as specifically exempted, NRS 237.080 requires a business impact statement to be prepared before an ordinance is adopted by the Board of Supervisors. The business impact statement is included with this proposed ordinance.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

NRS Chapter 237; NRS 244.100; Article 2 of the Carson City Charter; CCMC Chapter 2.41; Boards, Committees, and Commissions Policies and Procedures

Financial Information

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number: N/A

Is it currently budgeted? Yes

Explanation of Fiscal Impact: Should the Board repeal the Commission, there will be cost savings, primarily through staff time from multiple departments including Parks, Recreation and Open Space, Information Technology, Clerk-Recorder, and the District Attorney's Office.

Alternatives

Do not introduce the ordinance on first reading, modify the proposed ordinance and/or provide

alternative direction to staff.

Attachment(s):

[Business Impact Statement.pdf](#)

[Ordinance Cultural Commission Repeal \(002\).pdf](#)

[Late Material - Public Comment Item 19b.pdf](#)

Motion: _____

1) _____

2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)