

CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

Petitioner: Daniel Hernandez, Director of Parks and Recreation

Recommendation:

Ratify the Clark County Parks & Recreation Director's appointment of Alexia Chen, At Large Professional Artist Representative to the Art Committee for a three-year term ending October 2026, with the option of reapplying for an additional three-year term. (For possible action)

FISCAL IMPACT:

Fund #:	N/A	Fund Name:	N/A
Fund Center:	N/A	Funded PGM/Grant:	N/A
Amount:	N/A		
Description:	N/A		
Additional Comments:	N/A		

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the County Arts Plan of the Clark County Code in section 2.90.030 of title 2, and per the original arts plan language established on 12/4/13 agenda item 49; the Art Committee will consist of seven (7) artists, art professionals and other County residents with art expertise. The committee will evaluate proposed and existing County development projects, select sites for which art will be commissioned, and recommend approaches and budgets for commissioning artworks for each site. Of the seven members, one shall be a faculty member of the UNLV Art Department, one a faculty member of the Art & Art History Program of the Department of Fine Arts at CSN, one a professional architect or landscape architect, one an independent professional artist, and one a staff member of the City of Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs if such individuals are available to serve. Members shall be chosen by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the selections ratified by the BCC.

The recommended appointee is Alexia Chen, will fill the seat of independent professional artist representative. She is replacing Chase McCurdy who resigned in January of 2023. This is Ms. Chen's first term. Alexia Chen is a dedicated and creative architect making a difference in her community. She believes that buildings can be an agent for change if we actively change what we do when practicing architecture. Alexia is passionate about creating places that bring people together, serving the community, and advocating for sustainability.

Originally from Taipei and studied in Honolulu, Alexia brings a unique understanding of diverse cultures and perspectives to her architectural work. With education spanning architecture, literature, visual and performing arts, her solutions balance beauty and functionality, environmental impact, and user experience. Beyond design, Alexia excels as a leader. She understands that effective communication starts with listening to people. Alexia lends her leadership skills to the local design community as Secretary on the AIA Las Vegas Board. She also served as Board President for Vegas Theatre Company, helping grow the professional theatre in the Las Vegas Arts District. Her commitment, creativity, and drive to unite people continue to shape both the profession and her community.

Staff requests approval of this appointment.

Cleared for Agenda

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