



OROVILLE ARTS COMMISSION

Council Chambers
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA. 95965

**February 11, 2020
REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION 4:00 PM
AGENDA**

REQUESTS TO ADDRESS COMMISSION

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Commissioners: David Tamori, Amanda Wentz, Heidi LaGrone, Linda Draper, Cheri Bunker

OPEN SESSION

1. Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

1. Introduction of Community Development Department Leadership

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION - HEARING OF NON-AGENDA ITEMS

This is the time to address the Commission about any item not listed on the agenda. If you wish to address the Commission on an item listed on the agenda, please follow the directions listed above.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent calendar **items 1 - 2** are adopted in one action by the Commission. Items that are removed will be discussed and voted on immediately after adoption of consent calendar items.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Arts Commission will approve the minutes of December 2, 2019.

2. REQUEST FOR A CONTRACT EXTENSION TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2020 FROM STAGE

The Arts Commission will consider and approve a request from STAGE to extend their current contract from January 2020 to September 30, 2020 to allow them to complete the Staircase Mural at the Historic State Theatre.

REGULAR BUSINESS

4. YOUR VOICE FOR THE ARTS AWARD

The Arts Commission will consider the three nomination applications received for the Your Voice for the Arts award and will recommend awardees to the council for final approval.

RECOMMENDATION

Select the 2020 awardees to recommend to council for final approval.

5. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE OROVILLE BEAUTIFICATION AND DOWNTOWN OROVILLE PROJECT FUND

The Arts Commission will consider a request from Ted Hanson and Frank Wilson asking for additional funds for the Gold Mine Mural project.

RECOMMENDATION

Instruct the applicants apply for funds through the next NOFA.

6. NOFA SPECIAL MEETING

The Arts Commission will consider selecting a date for a special meeting of the Arts Commission make the decisions needed to open the next Arts NOFA.

RECOMMENDATION

Provide staff direction.

REPORTS / DISCUSSIONS / CORRESPONDENCE

1. Commission Announcements and Reports
2. Future Agenda Items
3. Administration Reports
 - a. Mural Dedication
4. Correspondence -None

ADJOURN THE MEETING

The meeting will be adjourned. A regular meeting of the Oroville Arts Commission will be held on April 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

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December 02, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION 4:00 PM AGENDA

This agenda was posted on December 27, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Chairperson Tamori

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS: David Tamori, Amanda Wentz, Heidi LaGrone, Linda Draper, Cheri Bunker

STAFF: Assistant City Clerk Jackie Glover

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Chairperson Tamori

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals spoke during public comment:

Ted Hanson, Karissa Nelson, Krysi Riggs, Ben Hatch

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Arts Commission approved the minutes of October 8, 2019. Motion by Commissioner LaGrone and second by Commissioner Draper to approve the minutes of October 8, 2019.

AYES: Commissioners Tamori, Draper, Bunker, Wentz, LaGrone

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

REGULAR BUSINESS

Commissioner LaGrone left the room

1. REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACT – BIRDCAGE THEATRE

The Arts Commission considered amending the Birdcage Theatre contract to extend the contract deadline to May 30, 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Wentz and second by Commissioner Draper to recommend to the Council the approval of the request to amend the contract with the Birdcage Theatre to extend the contract deadline to May 30, 2020. Motion passed.

AYES: Commissioners Tamori, Draper, Bunker, Wentz

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner LaGrone

Commissioner LaGrone Returned to the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. SIERRA PACIFIC PUBLIC ART

The Arts Commission received information related to art that is being installed by Sierra Pacific Industries.

3. ARTS COMMISSION NOFA TIMELINE FOR CURRENT PROJECTS AND FUTURE PROJECTS

The Arts Commission received information related to the 2018 NOFA contract completion dates and the 2020 NOFA timeline.

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The Arts Commission received copies of the City of Oroville Mural Policy

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tamori – Community Band and Choir are performing at the State Theatre on December 7, 2019

Wentz – Christmas Preview Downtown for the First Friday Events was wonderful.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tamori adjourned the meeting at 4:44pm.

APPROVED:

ATTESTED:

Chairperson David Tamori

Assistant City Clerk Jackie Glover



December 2, 2019

Oroville Arts Commission
1735 Montgomery Street
Oroville, CA 95965
530 538-2535



Subject: Contract No. 3274-1

Dear Ms. Glover:

During the summer of 2019, work began on the restoration of the *staircase mural* at the Historic Oroville State Theatre in accordance with the subject contract. The mural proved to be far more extensive than anyone recalled or anticipated. The work to date was debuted on October 9th, 2019 and has been received with great enthusiasm by the Oroville community.

Much was accomplished, however, there is still restoration work to be done in order to complete the project. The 2019/20 production season has begun and that precludes any further work until next summer (2020). Therefore, STAGE requests extension of this contract through September 2020 to allow for the completion of this excellent artwork.

Also, STAGE wishes to extend appreciation to the Oroville Arts Commission for their faith and continued support of this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Moll".

Jim Moll
President,
State Theatre Arts Guild, Inc.

CC: STAGE BOD





Oroville Arts Commission Award Recognizing "Your Voice for the Arts" Nomination Application

Name of Nominee for Award: Exchange Club of Oroville

Address: P.O. Box 1046 Oroville, Ca. 95965

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) 530-591-9018 (Cell)

Email: cbunkie@gmail.com

Name if Individual(s) or Organizations Nominating Individual:

Contact Person: Cheri Bunker

Address: 500 Pomona Ave. #6. Oroville, Ca. 95965

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) 530-591-9018 (Cell)

Email: cbunkie@gmail.com

Nomination:

Please attach page(s) that include a header with the nominee name detailing why the individual is being nominated. Be sure to include specific examples and/or events that the individual accomplished that meet the criteria for this award.

Please return the application to the City Clerk's Office, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville. For Questions call 530-538-2535

Deadline for submittal of applications – 12:00 p.m. – February 6, 2020.

Exchange Club of Oroville

I am nominating the Exchange Club of Oroville for the "Voice for the Arts" award. The Exchange Club has, for over 60 years, been promoting ideas that showcase the talented youth (of all ages) in this community.

We have sponsored the Search for Talent for 50 years. Seeking talented youth, 6-18 years of age. Last year's winners also took first place in all categories at the district show.

We have started the SCAM Festival, Sidewalk Chalk and Music Festival last year and are gearing up for this year's.

Our goals are to help the citizens, especially the kids. We want to promote our youth and help them become good caring citizens. We are pleased with our programs and are constantly adding new ones to help bring out the creative side of the public.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Bunker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

49th ANNUAL SEARCH FOR TALENT



These young folks are the winners of the Sierra Pacific District Exchange Club, that was held in May of 2019. They are also the winners of Oroville's Search for Talent. For the first time, Oroville's youth made a clean sweep at the district level, in all age groups. They were each awarded \$500.00.

SCAM FEST 2019

Sidewalk Chalk and Music Festival



The first Saturday in August, the Exchange Club embarked on an adventure to help the community appreciate the talented artists we have in town and have the various organizations of Oroville come together to improve our town. We had Mr. Bobby Jones with KOYO radio on hand to do a live broadcast and fill the park with music. Several organizations had booths to handout information on their events and several of Oroville's artists, ranging in age from 4 to well, a lot older, that sat down at Bedrock Park and drew some awesome pictures. Cash prizes were awarded to the winners in each age group. It was deemed a very successful event.

UGLY DOG POSTER CONTEST 2019



Exchange Club of Oroville
Presents

2019 Ugly Dog Contest May 4, 2019



To enter, please send a photo of your dog, on or before April 26, to oroexchangeclub@gmail.com or mail to Ugly Dog Contest P.O. Box 1046 Oroville, CA. 95965. Be sure to include your dog's name, your name and contact information. The finalists will be notified to bring their pets to Bedrock Park on May 4th, at 11:00 AM. Prizes include a cash award, goodies for your puppy, and a ride in the Feather Fiesta Days Centennial Grand Parade. For more information, please call Cheri at 530-591-9018.

This is the winning artwork for the 2019 Ugly Dog Poster contest. This is open to kids from the 2nd through the 6th grades. We had over 30 entries. They were displayed at the Arbor Day event, the community was allowed to vote on their favorite and local artists were asked to choose the winner. Plans are underway for the 2020 poster contest and Ugly Dog Contest.



Oroville Arts Commission Award
Recognizing "Your Voice for the Arts"
Nomination Application

Name of Nominee for Award: REX Burress

Address: deceased Oct 2, 2019

1459 BOYNTON AVE - Oroville CA 95966

Telephone Number: 532 4647 (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email: rxeburress@att.net

Name if Individual(s) or Organizations Nominating Individual:

Marci Trimlett

Contact Person: IBID

Address: Box 805 Oroville CA 95965

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) 513-8440 (Cell)

Email: marci@weewish.com

Nomination:

Please attach page(s) that include a header with the nominee name detailing why the individual is being nominated. Be sure to include specific examples and/or events that the individual accomplished that meet the criteria for this award.

Please return the application to the City Clerk's Office, 1735 Montgomery Street, Oroville. For Questions call 530-538-2535

Deadline for submittal of applications – 12:00 p.m. – February 6, 2020.

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Rex Burress at home 1459 Boynton Ave. Oroville CA 95966

Photo Marci Trimlett (uncropped)

Lifelong advocate for nature, the printed word, and art.

Last June, in his mid eighties, Mr. Rex Burress attended the Butte County Historical Society's Annual Olive Festival in Courthouse Square Park on Lincoln Ave. Oroville, California. It was my sincere pleasure to spend much of that memorable day with him.

With his good humor and the patience that came from life experience, I watched as he handed out Crystals to children and adults, taking the time to speak with everyone who paused to visit, sharing his interest and love of nature, people and art.

Years ago I understand the old Bath House was weed infested and falling into disrepair, it was Rex Burress who stepped up and became a beacon of light in its resurrection. Yet, all these years later, when asked about his contribution to the success of what is now known as the Feather River Nature Center, he humbly gave credit to others.

I did not know Rex Burress until moving to Oroville, Butte County, California some five years ago. But he is a man who spent his life recognizing and honoring Mother Earth, her creatures, humankind and shared freely, willingly and lovingly with all.

It is my sincere pleasure to join in the goodwill Rex shared, by honoring him once again as a truly remarkable and loving human being who I am proud and humbled to say, was my friend.

Through his life work, Rex Burress has made, and continues to make our community and the world as a whole a better place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marci Trimlett
Box 805
Oroville CA 95965

530-513-8440 cell
Tues - Sat 10 to 4 best.

Marci@weeWish.com

2015 Award Recipients

Rex Burress, Conservation Legacy Award

A lifelong conservationist, John Muir was Rex Burress' inspiration. Rex's mission became "to entice others to look at nature's loveliness with understanding" through nature walks, writings and art. Rex worked as Refuge Naturalist/Bird Keeper/Program Facilitator at the Lake Merritt Wildlife Refuge/Rotary Nature Center until 1993. Retiring to Oroville, Rex continues to give nature walks and programs, write nature columns and pursue his art. He authored and illustrated two books, *Of a Feather and Life On No Creek*. A gifted wildlife artist, he also painted a portrait of John Muir, which hangs in a Green Bay, Wisconsin, museum.

Source: <http://www.johnmuirassociation.org/php/conserv-award.php>
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Copy to print for BCHS Art Show 2020 Program: Butte County,
"Through the Eye of the Artist" EXHIBITION February 8, 2020
2-5pm 1749 Spencer Ave. Oroville, CA (530) 533-9418

Rex Burress: Artist-Naturalist and River Watcher. At home in Oroville, California May 18, 2019. Photo captured with i-phone, as the Lady of Butte County, Alberta Tracy and I were leaving after returning Rex's oil, "Cherokee Spring," shown in the first BCHS Art Show 2019.

His "Earthbound limitations, released to Lofty Heights" October 2, 2019.

Author of books, "Of A Feather" and "Life on No Creek," stories, and weekly Mercury-Register "River Watcher" column, Rex was a local resident honored with the 2015 "Conservation Legacy Award" from John Muir Association, among other accolades. A beloved friend and inspiration of many, with his wife, Jo, they contributed greatly to Butte County and the world, "to entice others to look at nature's loveliness with understanding," through nature walks, writings and art.

Submitted by: Marci Trimlett



**Oroville Arts Commission Award
Recognizing "Your Voice for the Arts"
Nomination Application**

Name of Nominee for Award: Rex Burress

Address: Posthumously

Telephone Number: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email: _____

Name if Individual(s) or Organizations Nominating Individual:

Kay Castro

Contact Person: Kay Castro

Address: 1084 Montgomery St., Oroville, CA 95965

Telephone Number: 3037182846 (Home) Some (Cell)

Email: ILoveOrovilleCA@gmail.com

Nomination:

Please attach page(s) that include a header with the nominee name detailing why the individual is being nominated. Be sure to include specific examples and/or events that the individual accomplished that meet the criteria for this award.

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Rex Burress

January 6, 2020,

Dear Oroville City Council Members,

I am nominating Rex Burress for the Oroville Arts Commission Award.

Growing up in Oroville, Mr. Burress and the arts were synergistically connected. Our city just couldn't – and still can't – talk about one without talking about the other. Let's talk about dedication: Years and years of a regular newspaper column. It was his passion for nature and our community that provided his prolific exhortations about our community. His individual contribution to our city is broad in its scope yet always honed in on the importance of nature and communicating it in many different ways.

The most important way that Mr. Burress influenced my life is through his inspiration to me on how important it is to be involved in the arts and culture in my community. He always demonstrated the importance of contributing to a greater cause. He exemplified how to inspire people to take an interest and make a difference in our city. He didn't just talk about art – he lived it! He turned the word “art” into a verb. How did Rex art today? More importantly, Rex challenged us, “How did YOU art today?” “How can we art together?”

My hope is that this award will extend Rex's passion and influence to a new generation who might not have had the honor to know him personally. I am thrilled at the thought of his adventures and love of the arts being passed on to generations to come.

Thank you for considering Rex Burress for such a prestigious award. He would have been honored. Not for himself, but with gratitude that he influenced so many peoples' lives and his legacy lives on.

Respectfully submitted,


Kay Castro

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1084 Montgomery St., Oroville, CA 95965

City Of Oroville

1735 Montgomery Street

Oroville, CA 95965-4897

RE: Request for additional funding for the "Gold Mine Mural" project.

Ted Hanson and Frank Wilson, the artists commissioned to create the MINE SHAFT MURAL at 2167 Montgomery Street respectfully request additional funding for their project. The reasons for additional funds are as follows;

1. In order to enhance the 3-D illusion and the historical accuracy of the mural, several design changes were made while the mural was in progress. These modifications from the original proposal include moving the mountain back a bit from the sidewalk to allow visual "space" for people walking on the sidewalk. The addition of some "foreground" creates even more depth to the mural. It also allowed the placement of a shovel on the left side of the mine shaft for an added illusion of a working gold mine. These time-consuming changes added to the 3-D illusion of depth. (Please compare the original proposal with the changes made to the mural itself.)
2. The contemporary, reflective handicapped parking signs stood out from the mural and distracted from the illusion of realism. By law they could not be moved. We found the solution was to incorporate the signs as part of the mural by painting the illusion of weathered wooden frames around each sign and placing them on stakes with the illusion of painted shadows cast on the rocks. This was also done for an electrical box, framed and hug from a wire. (see photographs)
3. We had not anticipated the extreme difficulty that the uneven block wall presented with its deep and uneven mortar lines. We did not want to compromise the 3-D illusion that we wanted to create. This greatly increased our painting time as many tiny brushes had to be used to fill in the deep recesses to match the surface textures. There was also much excess mortar on the wall that greatly increased our painting time as well.

For the reasons stated above we ask for a reasonable increase in the funding for this project in the amount of \$2,400.00. For additional information on this request please contact the artists.

Submitted on the 8th of January, 2020

Ted Hanson



Frank Wilson



