Arts & Culture Commission Meeting
Thursday, March 11, 3:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M. EST

Arts & Culture Commission Leadership

Chair: Hon. Renee Price, Commissioner, Orange County, North Carolina
Vice Chair: Hon. Emily Bonilla, Commissioner, Orange County, Fla.
Vice Chair: Hon. Robert Cole, Commissioner, Santa Rosa County, Fla.
Vice Chair: Hon. Debra Lucero, Supervisor, Butte County, Calif.
Vice Chair: Hon. Larry Nelson, Supervisor, Waukesha County, Wis.
Vice Chair: Hon. Stan Ponstein, Commissioner, Kent County, Mich.
Vice Chair: Hon. Greg Puckett, Commissioner, Mercer County, W.Va.

Meeting Description

Using the Arts to Bridge Racial & Cultural Divides
NACo’s Arts & Culture Committee presents Using the Arts to Bridge Racial & Cultural Divides, a meeting open to all NACo members. The meeting will showcase the work of the committee and celebrate the many cultures that contribute to the arts across the United States. Committee members will present a diverse assortment of arts installations and programming from their counties. Expert presenters from organizations including Americans for the Arts, the Institute of American Indian Arts and PolicyLink will discuss the importance of the arts to communities, the critical role of the arts in racial equity, and more. The committee will also honor former Chair Shelley Taub as this year’s winner of the Public Leadership in the Arts Award, in partnership with Americans for the Arts.

Meeting Agenda

3:00 – 3:15 Welcome and Slide Show – Chair Renee Price
- Opening prayer from the Institute of American Indian Arts
- Welcome and introduction of speakers

3:15 – 3:20 County Presentation Video – Hon. Greg Puckett to introduce
- Public art in Mercer County, W.Va.

3:20 – 3:40 Expert Presentations – Hon. Larry Nelson to introduce
- Ruby Lopez Harper, Vice President, Equity and Local Arts Engagement, Americans for the Arts
  - Presentation on diversity, equity and inclusion in the arts
- Mellon Foundation
  - Presentation on the Monuments Project

3:40 – 3:50 Q&A – Chair Price

3:50 – 3:55 County Presentation Video – Hon. Emily Bonilla to introduce
- Fusion Fest in Orange County, Fla.
3:55 – 4:00  Break

4:00 – 4:15  Expert presentations – Hon. Debra Lucero to introduce
   • Stephen Wall, Faculty Emeritus, Institute of American Indian Arts
     o  Presentation on Indigenous art
   • Q&A

4:15 – 4:30  Expert presentations – Hon. Debra Lucero to introduce
   • Axel Santana, Associate, Policy Link
     o  Presentation of Cultural Equity Plans

4:30 – 4:40  County Presentation – Hon. Stan Ponstein to introduce
   • Joanne Lee, Deputy Director of Programs, San Francisco Arts Commission
     o  Presentation on the Arts Impact Endowment grants

4:40 – 4:45  County Presentation Video – Hon. Dave Strohmaier to introduce
   • Missoula County and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

4:45 – 4:50  Presentation of Americans for the Arts Awards – Jay Dick

4:50 – 4:55  NACo Honors Former Chair Shelley Taub – Chair Renee Price
   • Thank you from the A&C Commission members

4:55  Closing and Thank You – Chair Price

Meeting Concludes

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