



Commerce City Cultural Council September 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order/ Roll Call at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Ed Hanson, Debra Bullock, Kristin Henning, Jacob Wilson, Melanie Stewart, Councilman Jose Guardiola, Cathy Teter, Angela Ramirez, Kristi Douglas, Lucy Molina

Absent: Councilwoman Crystal Elliott, Joel Georgia

Staff: Daniela Villarreal

Guests: Jeannie King

Welcome and Guest and New Member Introductions

Regular Business Items

- Approve July 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Bullock. Seconded by Wilson. Motion approved.

- Financial Updates

No new updates reported. Only two expenses for the month of August.

Motion to approve by Douglas. Seconded by Bullock. Motion approved.

- New members or applications

Interviews will take place October 6. Cultural Council has one potential new member.

- Complete outside hours document

Action was completed.

- Guests

- Jeannie King presents on *Derby Art Fair*.

King shared details on the new local art fair, she along with other local artists are putting together in the city. King asked the Cultural Council if they would like to co-sponsor the event. Bullock motioned to co-sponsor the Derby Art Fair in the amount of \$300 which will cover cost for the DJ and have it come out of the "outreach events and other" budget. Kristi seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Committee Reports and Discussion

- Music in the Park

- Several issues were raised, but no motions put forward and no votes were taken.
Board will revisit feedback during the retreat for 2019 planning.

- Public Art/Others

- Rotating Art Exhibit

Call for artists will be finalized in the next week or so. Staff will e-mail it out when ready. Staff is also working on a visible display of the art exhibition.

- Tower Road Art Selection Committee meets Monday, September 17, at Bison Ridge Rec Center at 6:00-8:00pm

- Pioneer Park Kites

Staff liaison provided the board with an update. Given that the repairs have not been made since initial ask. Members have asked staff to provide the artist with a deadline of October 31st and request a written plan.

- Fundraising initiatives

- Facebook event pages with fundraising
Hanson will send Stewart information.

- King Soopers Gift Cards
Hanson reached out to the store and was re-directed to the central office, but has not heard since.
- Painting Party
Councilwoman Elliott who brought up the idea is absent.
- Restaurant fundraisers
Members talked about Chipotle having the best return. Molina volunteered to reach out.
During the retreat, will also talk about a potential restaurant fundraiser
- Working volunteering
No discussion
- Cultural arts festival
Members agreed that the Derby Art Festival has great potential to become the next big cultural arts festival in the city. The board would like to see the partnership continue and potentially grow.
- Other funding raising initiatives
Councilman Guardiola proposed doing a Cultural Council Calendar featuring the city's public art collection and include annual event dates.

New Business – Miscellaneous Items and Open Discussion

- Retreat will be held on, Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at the MSC building.
- Collaborations with other organizations
 - Historical Society - Sponsor History Cards Deck of Cards
Bullock asked the Cultural Council to sponsor two cards, Jokers, \$100 per card.
Henning moved to sponsor at \$200 for the historical society cards. Wilson seconded. Motion approved.
Bullock will let the group know what the deadline is in order for the group to take a picture to place on cards.
 - Painting party with *Gallery on the Go*
See above, under fundraising initiatives.
 - Reach out to local businesses and other cities or cultural groups
Molina proposed a “Dia de los Muertos” in November. Given the short amount of time members would have for planning such event. Councilman Guardiola asked if Molina can provide tickets for members to attend other cities’ “Dia de los Muertos” events. Councilman Guardiola added that the Cultural Council should consider to host in 2019 and could potentially partner with a local restaurant.

Member Comments/Announcements

- **Save the Date –**
 - *Engage – Empower – Connect Summit*, September 14, 2018, regional conference on capacity building, held at Denver Botanic Gardens, FREE
The 2018 *Engage-Empower-Connect Summit* will engage participants through a variety of panels on best practices and trends in fundraising, strategic communications, and organizational capacity. Attendees will also be able to connect with individual experts for one-on-one conversations to receive practical advice on a series of nonprofit topics.
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efgww7ur4c1924a7&llr=euj7q7bab>
- **Food for next meeting**
Pizza

Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.