



# Commerce City

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Cultural Council

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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

6:00 PM Commerce City Civic Center - Rm 3109, 7887 E. 60th Ave.,  
Commerce City, CO 80022

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#### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

*A regular meeting of the Cultural Council was called to order by Chair Martin on November 18, 2025, at 6:03 PM.*

*A motion was made by Member Perez, seconded by Member Jonhart, to excuse Members Vitello and Reyos. VOTE: 7 - Aye, 2 - Excused (Tyler Vitello and Kelly Reyos)*

**Present** 7 - Board Member Nick Gonzalez, Board Member Jennifer Martin, Board Member Jade Humphries-Graves, Board Member Augusta Jonhart, Board Member Ronna Sanchez, Board Member Jackie Riggs-Gonzalez, and Board Member Emily Perez

**Excused** 2 - Board Member Tyler Vitello, and Board Member Kelly Reyos

**Absent** 3 - Susan Noble, Kristi Douglas, and Deana Hall

#### 2. Community Time

*Moved to January's meeting.*

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

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October Meeting Minutes

**Member Riggs-Gonzales made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Member Gonzales seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

#### 4. Grants & Finance Updates

*Treasurer Sanchez provided an update. Current balance is \$15,377.51 with a majority allocated to grants from SCFD for next year's Music in the Park and Juneteenth events. Our actual balance is \$1,518.01.*

*Our 2025 SCFD report is due soon. Staff has applied to one new grant, and will apply for a second by the end of the year.*

*The board discussed the potential of getting corporate sponsors for Music in the Park.*

##### a. City Council Sponsorship

*The board discussed wanting to submit their funding request before new City Council members are seated, and aimed for the December 1 regular meeting date.*

*The board discussed the original request amount of \$12,000, but ultimately decided to request \$20,000 to cover expenses for Music in the Park, Hispanic Heritage, and additional programs they're planning.*

**Member Humphries-Graves made a motion to request for City Council's annual sponsorship of Cultural Council be increased to \$20,000. Member Riggs-Gonzales seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

##### b. Treasurer Elections

**Member Humphries-Graves made a motion to elect Member Reyos as the new Treasurer. Member Gonzales seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 6 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Nays:** 1 - Board Member Sanchez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

#### 5. 2026 Budget & Goals

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2026 Goals\_DRAFT

**Member Humphries-Graves made a motion to approve the 2026 goals as drafted. Member Gonzales seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

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2026 Draft Budget

**Member Riggs-Gonzales made a motion to approve the 2026 budget as drafted.**

**Member Gonzales seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

## 6. Subcommittee Reports

### a. Public Art

#### i. Install & Celebration Updates

*CALU art is installed, plaque will be installed early December to complete the project.*

*Celebration will happen in spring.*

*Cocklebur concrete is poured and panels will be installed early-mid December.*

*Celebration will happen on weekend in January at the site and the Historical Society Museum.*

*Sand Creek's piece at Eagle Pointe will be installed early December. Celebration will likely happen in January.*

#### ii. Master Plan Updates

*Master Plan is delayed with legal review, as is the promotion of Art Selection Committees for 2026.*

### b. Events

#### i. Tree Lighting

*The board withdrew their participation in the tree lighting since they are no longer gathering community feedback on the master plan or promoting their Art Selection Committees within that timeline.*

## 7. Other Business

### a. Bylaws Update - Check Signing

[25-280](#)

Bylaws Section to be discussed

**Member Humphries-Graves made a motion to approve the change of language in the bylaws to require two signatures for check payments. Member Perez seconded the motion.**

**Member Jonhart requested to amend the motion to see draft language to vote on in January. Members Humphries-Graves and Perez approved the amended motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

#### **b. Reminder - no December meeting**

**Member Jonhart made a motion for the January meeting to be virtual. Member Humphries-Graves seconded the motion.**

**Ayes:** 7 - Board Member Gonzalez, Board Member Martin, Board Member Humphries-Graves, Board Member Jonhart, Board Member Sanchez, Board Member Riggs-Gonzalez and Board Member Perez

**Excused:** 2 - Board Member Vitello and Board Member Reyos

#### **8. Group photo**

*The board declined taking a photo, and would prefer if a city photographer took their photo at the Cocklebur public art celebration.*

#### **9. Adjourn**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.*

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*Melissa Sumner, Staff Liaison*

**\*\*Subcommittee meetings will take place immediately following the meeting.\*\***

*No subcommittee meetings took place.*