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Meeting Minutes - Final

Cultural Council

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00 PM

Zoom. Register in advance:

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1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

In attendance: Councilmember Douglas, Jen Martin, Ronna Sanchez, Jackie Riggs Gonzales, Nick Gonzales, Augusta Jonhart, Tyler Vitello, and Deana Hall. Also attending is Elena Smith from Sand Creek Regional Greenway.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Noble, Kelly Reyos, Omar Lozano, and Jade Humphries.

2. Community Time

It was announced that Jan Cruz and Cynthia Montez both moved out of state over the winter break, and so they are no longer board members.

3. Approval of Minutes

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November Meeting Minutes

Jackie moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Kristi seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Speaker - Sand Creek Regional Greenway

Elena Smith presented information about their recent youth public art project. They proposed installing the piece permanently at Eagle Point Rec Center. If so, Parks Rec and Golf would inform Sand Creek Regional Greenway of any maintenance needs and the Sand Creek team would be responsible.

The group decided that before approving the installation, they would need Elena to show the piece in person at Eagle Point Rec Center for a more in depth look at the space. Staff will coordinate a time to share with the group.

6. Grants & Finance Monthly Update

a. 2025 SCFD grant brainstorm

Group discussed, and wanted to start a doc with brainstorm ideas for the future. For this grant cycle, they want to pursue adding an art activation and poetry slam to the DEI Commission's Juneteenth celebration in 2026. A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for additional discussion and planning.

7. Subcommittee Reports

a. Music in the Park

*Stage & sound contract with Mountain West - \$16k (increase from previous years)
Band contracts increased to \$2k each from \$1800. All 4 bands are confirmed.
Food update - Staff is presenting to City Council on 1/27 all of their community events for 2025. Included in this proposal is providing free food and resources at all four MitP events.
Group discussed starting a spreadsheet with different bands that have expressed interest.*

b. Public Art

i. Cocklebur Budget

Tyler moved to approve a budget for Cocklebur of up to \$20k. Jackie seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ii. Art Selection Committee Application Review

All applications were approved as discussed. Kelly will be the Cultural Council representative for CALU Park, and Tyler will serve on both Art Selection Committees. The call to artists will be sent to Cultural Council for review prior to posting.

c. Art Exhibitions

*Subcommittee is still planning to meet for 2025 planning. Adams County Cultural Council has their own separate opportunities for those looking to present outside of Commerce City.
Councilmember Douglas left the meeting*

d. Community Engagement & Partnerships

i. MiniCon & other Q1 events

Cultural Council decided to not be involved in Q1 events.

8. New Business

Ronna left the meeting.

New social media series - staff will post every other week with either a Where is it Wednesday promoting public art, or an Artist Spotlight highlighting one of our artists.

Staff shared a resource for free attorney services Cultural Council could use.

Community Well-Being would like public art in their new reception space. There was discussion if this could be a rotating art show space or a place to find permanent public art. The group first needs to know the budget, but will start discussing steps forward in subcommittee meetings.

9. Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb 18th at 6pm at Civic Center.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Subcommittee Meetings will take place immediately following the meeting.

There was not enough time in this meeting to meet as subcommittees, so this structure was moved to the next meeting to start.