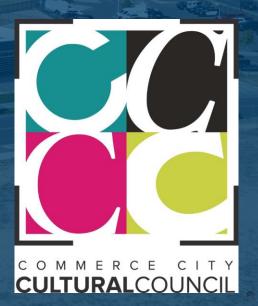
Cultural Council: 2025 Annual Update

October 27, 2025







Cultural Council Members

Jen Martin Ronna Sanchez Kelly Reyos Nick Gonzales Augusta Jonhart Deana Hall Jackie Riggs-Gonzales
Tyler Vitello
Jade Humphries-Graves
Emily Perez
Councilmember Douglas
Mayor Pro Tem Noble

*3 vacancies as of 10/1/2025

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About Cultural Council

- Up to 15 members (13 residents, 2 City Council members)
- Meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at the Civic Center at 6 p.m.
- Cultural Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit

Mission:

To bring together the community by embracing and creating experiences through art, music, theatre, dance and culturally diverse efforts. The Cultural Council facilitates this by encouraging, promoting and developing programs, for the arts, heritage and cultural enrichment of Commerce City and partnering communities.







Goal #1: Increase attendance at the Music in the Park series by 10% (2,700+ total attendees).

Welcomed 3,920 attendees across 4 concerts! (45% increase from last year)







2025 Music in the Park - Overview

- Hosted in partnership with Parks, Recreation and Golf
- Funded by SCFD & QCF grants
- Concerts were held at 4 different parks in June and July
- Free food at all four events, free youth activities and crafts, dancing, raffles and resource tables.







2025 Music in the Park - Challenges

Cost increases:

2018: \$14,500 2022: \$21,423

2019: \$13,500 2023: \$21,677

2020: \$15,200 2024: \$25,775

2021: \$11,050 2025: \$24,435

- Event budget has been supplemented in recent years with rollover unused funds from the 2020 pandemic.
 - ullet Rollover funds have been expended and will not be available for 2026 ${}_{
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2026 Music in the Park - Vision

- Continue to increase attendance and expand concert programming.
- Pursue additional grant, fundraising, sponsorship, and other funding opportunities to sustain the concert series long-term.
- 2026 City Council Music in the Park Sponsorship ask:
 - Increase sponsorship from \$5,000 to \$12,000 to account for increased costs.
 (On Dec.1 City Council agenda.)
 - •Sponsorship ties directly with the city's Strategic Plan (Objective 5.2.7)







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Goal #2: Maintain community engagement efforts and recruitment by conducting outreach to local community groups, businesses and nonprofits.

- Participated in the DEI Commission's annual Juneteenth event.
- Sponsored the city's annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration.
- Pursued a car show at PRG's Fall Fest (Canceled due to conflict with Adam City High School homecoming events).



THURSDAY, JUNE 19

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Park, 5950 Holly St.









Hispanic Heritage Celebration

- Sponsored entertainment, face painting, bounce house, and pinata.
 - Third year of partnership with city organizers
- Hosted and supplied the crafts area at the event









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Goal #3: Establish inclusive and sustainable guidelines for public art funding, selection, and maintenance processes that also adhere to the public art master plan.



- Installing three new public art pieces in Q4 following inclusive guidelines.
- Subcommittee currently revising the Public Art Master Plan.
 - Cultural Council vote Nov. 18
 - City Council Study Session Dec 8.







Public Art Maintenance



Monaco Park Mural Rewrap

Artist: Wey Mnky Monaco Park Vandalism - Vinyl Wrap Cut



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Sculpture Repair

Artist: John Wilbar
Turnberry Park
Weather damage – hole
patching, resealed seams,
and new paint



Mural Repair & Upgrades

Artist: Ratha Sok
Adams City High School
underpass
Vandalism – Graffiti tagging





Goal #4: Refresh the Art Exhibition program to heighten participation and engagement, as well as reach new community members.

- Mobile art show at Music in the Park at Veterans Memorial Park.
- Community art building projects at Music in the Park and Hispanic Heritage events.
- New social media series highlighting public art pieces and artists.





