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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Cultural Council

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

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

Min 25-245

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

Nayes: 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

25-263 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.

Melissa Sumner, Staff Liaison

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

No subcommittee meetings took place.