

# MINUTES

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## Cultural Resources Board REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 24, 2025 – 5:30 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER: 5:37 PM**

### ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present – Sheri Emerick (Chair), Conner Horak-Flood (Vice-Chair), Cori Hixon, Eleanor VanDeusen
- Board Members Remote – Leslie Walker
- Board Members Absent – Jessica MacMillan
- Staff Members Present – Solara Clark
- Guest(s) – Claire Addington, Kelly Mosher, Logan Webb

### AGENDA REVIEW

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Claire Addington and Logan Webb, students from Colorado State University, attended the meeting as part of their honors seminar on Community Resiliency. They introduced themselves to the Board.
- Kelly Mosher, a previous Cultural Resources Board member attend the meeting to say a final farewell to the Board.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of February 2025 minutes. Conner Horak-Flood made a motion to accept the minutes. Leslie Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Cori Hixon, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Kelly Mosher, a former board member, was thanked for her contributions to the board, particularly her thorough scoring and participation in meetings.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- New Member Introductions – Cori Hixon and Eleanor VanDeusen
  - Cori Hixon and Eleanor Van Dusen were introduced as new board members. They each shared their backgrounds and reasons for joining the board.
  - The Board welcomed the new members.
- Katy Schneider, Visit Fort Collins – Update
  - Katy Schneider provided updates on tourism and grants received from the Colorado Tourism Office, including a \$75,000 music grant and a \$20,000 public art trail grant.
  - Katy Schneider provided and update on the lodging tax for February,

noting an increase over the previous months.

- Grantee Presentation – LuneAseas, Leah Casper
  - Leah Casper from LuneAseas presented on the organization's activities and achievements, supported by Fort Fund grants, including performances and workshops.
- 2025 Program Support Grant: March Deadline – Discussion and Funding Recommendations
  - Solara Clark explained the funding recommendations based on the Board's scoring to the Board and guests.
  - Leslie Walker made a motion to approve the funding recommendations for City Council for the Program Support – March Deadline Grants. Cori Hixon seconded the motion.
    - The Board discussed the funding recommendations. Conner Horak-Flood raised a question about funding sister nonprofit organizations such as the Friends of the Gardens on Spring Creek. The Board was informed that starting in 2026, City facility sister nonprofit organizations will no longer apply for Fort Fund grants.
  - The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Cori Hixon, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker.
- LuneAseas Cross-Sector Grant Discussion
  - LuneAseas received a \$3,974 cross-sector grant for a program that was not executed in February. LuneAseas has requested that the grant be transferred to a new project in June. The board discussed whether to allow the funds to be used for a new project or to request the funds be returned.
  - After discussion, Cori Hixon made a motion to allow the funds to be transferred to the new project. Eleanor VanDeusen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Cori Hixon, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker.
  - Staff will follow up with LuneAseas and will inform them of the approval. The organization will be informed that the Board requests the incident not repeat itself in future grants.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Solara Clark informed the Board that she will give a brief Director's Report in place of Eileen May who was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness. She informed the Board that Eileen plans to send a detailed report before the next meeting.
- Solara Clark provided an update on the merging of the Art and Public Places Board and the Cultural Resources Board, including the timeline and process for the merge.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Sheri Emerick attended a performance by the Canyon Concert Ballet.
- Vicki Fogel Mykles was not able to attend the meeting, but Solara Clark read her report that was emailed prior to the meeting. Vicki Fogel Mykles attended the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association's powwow event.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Sheri Emerick informed the Board that there are complimentary tickets available for the May 10th performance by the Centennial Children's Chorus. She asked that if