

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Cultural Resources Board REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 26, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Center for Creativity, Blue Spruce Room

### CALL TO ORDER: 5:36 PM

### ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present – Sheri Emerick (Chair), Jessica MacMillan, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker
- Board Members Remote – Cori Hixon
- Board Members Absent – Conner Horak-Flood (Vice-Chair)
- Staff Members Present – Solara Clark, Eileen May
- Guest(s) –

### AGENDA REVIEW

- The Visit Fort Collins update will be removed from New Business. Katy Schneider was unable to join the meeting.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- 2025 Special Event Grant: June Deadline – Discussion and Funding Recommendations
  - Solara Clark presented the funding results to the Board.
  - The Board held a brief discussion about the grant applications.
  - Leslie Walker made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Jessica MacMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Cori Hixon, Jessica MacMillan, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Eileen May updated the Board on department operations:
  - Solara Clark has been promoted and will now be managing the Fort Fund grant program, rather than just providing administrative support.
  - Cultural Community Programs, Art in Public Places, Center for Creativity and the Fort Fund Grant Program are all going to be a part of the new Community Arts work group, led by Cheryl Donaldson-Moses.

- FoCo POP, a new initiative bringing arts and culture to local parks, has its first event tonight (June 26, 2025) in Library Park. The program is replacing the Lincoln Center Children's Series for a year. Upcoming events include the Concert Turck in mid-July.
- The new Arts and Culture Board was approved by City Council at the June 17 meeting. More details about what that means for the current Board will be coming in July.
- The City is undergoing a 5% reduction in budget, which the department will manage through expense reductions like office supplies and conference travel and without job losses.
- The Lincoln Center General Manager position is being re-evaluated and will be split into two jobs due to uncompetitive salary and to better address department needs.
- The Gardens on Spring Creek Summer Concert Series kicks off on Saturday, June 28.
- The department and City are pursuing a change in the Noise Ordinance. More information about how the Board can be involved will come later.
- Arts and Culture Publication is in the works and information has been compiled. The publication aims to detail the impact of Arts and Culture in the community.
- Art in Public Places is celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. A celebration will take place in October. The Board will receive an invitation.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Eleanor VanDeusen attended a performance by OpenStage.
- Cori Hixon attended the Art Song Colorado summit.
- Jessica MacMillan attended a performance by LuneAseas and a performance from Off the Hook Arts.
- Leslie Walker attended a performance from Off the Hook Arts, a performance by Bas Bleu Theatre Company, and a performance by the Canyon Concert Ballet.
- Sheri Emerick went to the Poudre Heritage Alliance photography exhibit and attended the KRFC Birthday Bash.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Jessica MacMillan made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 PM. Leslie Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Cori Hixon, Jessica MacMillan, Eleanor VanDeusen, Leslie Walker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Solara Clark  
Project Coordinator

Minutes approved by the Chair and a vote of the Board/Commission on XX/XX/XX

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