

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Cultural Resources Board REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 23, 2025 – 5:30 PM

Center for Creativity, Golden Aspen Room

**CALL TO ORDER: 5:33 PM**

### ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present – Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vicki Fogel Mykles (Vice-Chair), Audra Vaisbort
- Board Members Remote – Audra Vaisbort, Leslie Walker (Chair)
- Board Members Absent –
- Staff Members Present – Solara Clark, Eileen May
- Guest(s) – Jan Iron, Katy Schneider

### AGENDA REVIEW

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of November 2024 minutes. Sheri Emerick made a motion to accept the minutes. Kelly Mosher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Leslie Walker.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

- Grantee Presentation – Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association
  - The presentation began with the Arapaho Flag Song performed by Jan Iron's son online.
  - Jan Iron with the Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association discussed the history and activities of the organization, including the annual powwow and cultural classes.
- Katy Schneider, Visit Fort Collins – Update
  - Katy Schneider updated the Board on the successful redesign of the Visit Fort Collins website, resulting in a 29% increase in traffic.
  - The introduction of the new Visit Fort Collins Welcome Center was a success. The new space has a platform for performances and a packed schedule of events since its opening on August 1st.
  - Lodging tax saw an overall 1% decrease in 2024 and is probably a correction of the spike following the pandemic.
- 2025 Special Event Grant: January Deadline – Discussion and Funding Recommendations
  - Solara Clark presented and explained the funding results to the Board.

- The Board held a brief discussion about the grant applications.
  - Conner Horak-Flood made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Sheri Emerick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vick Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Leslie Walker.
- Future Chair Elections – Update
  - Leslie Walker informed the Board that she will not be running for Chair in the future election. Vicki Fogel Mykles will be terming off the Board at the end of March.
  - The Board was informed that elections for Chair and Vice-Chair will happen at the February meeting. Board members were informed that any questions about the positions can be directed to staff.
- 2025 Work Plan – Discussion and Approval
  - The Work Plan for 2025 year was reviewed, focusing on continuing support for the Fort Fund program, enhancing advocacy for the entire Cultural Services Department and improving marketing strategies.
  - Discussion on the Work Plan included:
    - The need for creative aging programs and lifelong learning in the arts was discussed, with suggestions to collaborate with organizations in the field.
    - Questions were raised about the inclusion of Arts in Public Places in the work plan, and the possibility of having a liaison to report on their activities. It was determined that mentions of the Art in Public Places Board are related to mentions of the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Masterplan.
  - Kelly Mosher made a motion to accept the 2025 Work Plan. Conner Horak-Flood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vick Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Leslie Walker.
- 2024 Annual Report – Discussion and Approval
  - The 2024 annual report was reviewed, highlighting the board's activities and achievements over the past year.
  - Sheri Emerick made a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Report. Jessica MacMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vick Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Leslie Walker.
- Topics for Retreat – Discussion
  - Potential topics for the upcoming retreat were discussed, including:
    - Onboarding new board members
    - A mentorship program for new members
    - Recruiting additional members
    - Building a resource list for grantees
    - Fiscal Sponsorships
    - CuRB work outside of scoring grants
  - Staff made note of the above topics and will work with the Chair and Vice-Chair to begin retreat panning.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Eileen May updated the Board on department operations:
  - Jack Rogers resigned from his position at The Lincoln Center. The

recruitment for a new general manager of The Lincoln Center is underway. Interview for an interim general manager are scheduled, and an offer will be extended soon.

- o The department is working on de-siloing to create a unified cultural services identity. This involves sharing resources, improving team culture, and aligning marketing efforts to better serve the community.
- o An organizational assessment is being conducted to identify efficiencies and share resources between teams, such as event staff between the Gardens on Spring Creek and The Lincoln Center.
- o There is a plan to combine the Art and Public Places Board with the Cultural Resources Board by April 1st, 2026. More information will be coming about this change.
  - The granting process is being reviewed to align with industry standards, and the ordinance for art in public places will be updated to reduce the need for Board approvals for smaller projects.
- o The Cultural Community Program, funded by ARPA, is being assessed after two years to determine future directions.
- o Eileen May invited Board members to receive two complimentary tickets to the Arturo O'Farrill & The Afro Latin Ensemble performance at The Lincoln Center on February 2, 2025.
  - Members wanting tickets should email Solara Clark.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Vicki Fogel Mykles attended the Fort Collins Symphony/Friends of the Symphony's Peter and the Wolf family concert.
- Conner Horak-Flood attended Dance Express' A Christmas Rose performance, and a performance by LuneAseas. Concerns were raised about the LuneAseas performance and staff will review the grant application.
- Kelly Mosher attended Nevermore at Bas Bleu Theater Company and the New Horizon's Band performance.
- Leslie Walker attended the Build Your Own Skateboard program at Launch: Community Through Skateboarding.
- Sheri Emerick attended the Gardens of Lights at the Gardens on Spring Creek.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

##### **ADJOURNMENT:**

- Sheri Emerick made a motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM. Conner Horak-Flood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Jessica MacMillan, Kelly Mosher, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Leslie Walker.

Respectfully submitted,  
Solara Clark  
Project Coordinator

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