

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Cultural Resources Board REGULAR MEETING



Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 5:30 PM, White Pine, Center for Creativity

CALL TO ORDER: 5:34 PM

ROLL CALL

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

AGENDA REVIEW

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- Nancy Zola from the Arts in Public Places Board participated in the meeting, expressing her appreciation for being involved and noting her early departure.
- Will Flowers, a former Cultural Resources Board member, also participated to observe and stay connected with the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of July 2024 minutes. Vicki Fogel Mykles requested to change the language under Director's Report. Staff has noted the change. Vicki Fogel Mykles made a motion to approve the minutes. Sheri Emerick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Leslie Walker.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- 2024 Program Support Grant: September Deadline – Discussion and Funding Recommendations
 - Solara Clark reviewed the 2024 Program Support Grant: September Deadline Funding Results and explained how scoring and available funds affects the amount funded per application.
 - The Board discussed and reviewed eleven 2024 Program Support Grant: September Deadline applications and funding recommendations.
 - Vicki Fogel Mykles raised concerns about the quality of some applications. She highlighted issues with specific applications such as financial discrepancies. Vicki Fogel Mykles informed the Board she will abstain from voting this round.
 - The Board discussed the potential to have evaluations and comments scored by a specific date, allowing two days for review before the deadline. Staff will look into options for the 2025 grant

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cycle and bring the topic back to the Board.

- The Board discussed the possibility of holding a separate meeting to ensure all voting members are present. Staff agreed and will plan a special online meeting.
- Sheri Emerick made a motion to postpone the vote for Program Support Grant: September Deadline until the special meeting. Vicki Fogel Mykles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Leslie Walker.
- Grantee Presentation – International Keyboard & Odysiad Festival
 - Bryan Wallick highlighted International Keyboard & Odysiad Festival and competition, which combines performances and competitions, attracting artists and young competitors.
- Capacity Building Workshop Series – Update and Review
 - Solara Clark reported progress on organizing the grant writing workshop, with registration open and marketing efforts underway. The Board and staff aims to attract more participants through social media and printed posters.
- Cross-Sector Impact Grant – Review Before Scoring
 - Will Flowers provided background on the Cross-Sector Impact Grant, explaining its intention to foster innovation and community engagement through arts and culture.
 - Solara Clark presented a review of the Cross-Sector Impact grant including eligibility and scoring criteria. She emphasized collaboration between different sectors to improve community health and well-being through arts and culture. Staff is relying on the Board to determine what is cross-sector work and scores should reflect accordingly.
 - Clarification was sought on the difference between a sector and an artistic discipline, emphasizing that cross-sector should involve arts and a non-arts sector.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Eileen May informed the Board of Department Updates.
 - The budget was presented to City Council at the end of August with recommendations from the Budget Leadership Team.
 - There is a gap in marketing and communication resources for the Center for Creativity, Art in Public Places, Fort Fund, and the Cultural Community Program.
 - The department is working on strategies to increase earned and contributed revenue. This includes analyzing venue utilization and hiring a Cultural Services Fundraiser to enhance the contributory revenue program.
 - There is no capital improvement project budget or asset management program for the department. The Lincoln Center requires renovations, and there is a lack of staffing resources across the department.

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- There are several upcoming events, including Pumpkins on Parade at the Gardens, the Across the Spider-Verse Live in Concert at The Lincoln Center to kick off their season, and exhibitions at the Center for Creativity and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

- Leslie Walker attended the Fort Collins Comic Con and the Sonic Guild Showcase.
- Conner Horak-Flood went to an event at the Museum of Art.
- Sheri Emerick attended BluesFest and an exhibit at the Gregory Allicar Museum of Art.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

Sheri Emerick made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 PM. Conner Horak-Flood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Sheri Emerick, Conner Horak-Flood, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Leslie Walker.

Respectfully submitted,
Solara Clark
Project Coordinator