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Arts & Culture Board REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Center for Creativity, Blue Spruce Room

CALL TO ORDER: 5:33 PM

ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present – Lorrie Beaumont, Sheri Emerick, Myra Powers, Chris Quatrano, Jordon Sorokin, Aerica Van Dorn, Eleanor Van Deusen, Nancy Zola
- Board Members Remote –
- Board Members Absent – Ben Griffin
- Staff Members Present – Libby Colbert, Cheryl Donaldson Moses, Victoria Erickson, Liz Good, Dean Klingner, Emily Land, Edward Modoc, Matt Schlieff
- Guest(s) – Asiye Uctuk (Transformer Cabinet Mural Artist), Courtney Dore (Transformer Cabinet Mural Artist), Janet Gilliland (Transformer Cabinet Mural Artist), Julie Maas (Transformer Cabinet Mural Artist), Xavier Pereira (Transformer Cabinet Mural Artist), Tim O'Hara (Donor representative Poudre Whitewater Park Mural)

AGENDA REVIEW

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of May 2026 minutes. Aerica Van Dorn made a motion to accept the minutes. Myra Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Transformer Cabinet Mural Design Presentations
 - Multiple artists presented cabinet mural concepts. The Board suggested emphasizing contrast and visual activity. specifically for Jannet Gilliland, Julie Maas, Xavier Pereria, and Asiye Uctuck's concepts.
 - The primary objective of the program is anti-graffiti abatement through busy, high-contrast designs.
 - Chris Quatrano made a motion to approve the presented transformer cabinet murals. Jordon Sorokin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Poudre River Whitewater Park Mural Donation Review
 - Staff reviewed details of the proposed Poudre River Whitewater Park

Mural.

- Location: North side of the river by College Avenue; near the Poudre Pet and Feed Supply store, which features an existing private mural by the same artist.
- Proposed mural spans a low retaining wall with frequent graffiti; goals are abatement, beautification, and reducing city maintenance costs.
- The project has been reviewed by various City departments including historic preservation due to the historic water gate that is part of the wall; the concept was approved by that team prior to this meeting.
- Timeline: If council approval is secured in July 2026, contracting will occur via the APP program; painting is estimated at 6–9 weeks with sealing before winter 2026.
- A participant requested clarification on the art donation policy as they are aware it is on hold. It was clarified that the donation policy is currently being reviewed. However, it is felt that donating existing art differs from donating funds for a new art project. Currently, the Art in Public Places program does not accept donations of existing personal art due to potential complexities. The current project is a donation of funds for the City to hire the artist and for the project to follow the established public art process. This also project supports the goals of the City.
- Sheri Emerick motioned to accept the Poudre River Whitewater Park Mural Donation as a recommendation to City Council. Eleanor VanDeusen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Art Consultant List Artist Selection Review
 - Artwork submissions were reviewed and scored ahead of the meeting by the Board, then grouped into three tiers based on scores.
 - The pre-approved artist list is used for projects with shorter timelines or smaller budgets and is valid for two years. Project teams can select and interview artists from this list for specific projects.
 - Myra Powers motioned to approve artists in the top tier. Jordon Sorokin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Aerica Van Dorn motioned to approve the artists in the second tier. Lorrie Beaumont seconded the motion. The motioned passed in a 7 to 8 vote.
- Lincoln Center Season Overview
 - A preview of The Lincoln Center's upcoming season was presented by Edward Modec, Matt Schlieff and Victoria Erickson, with a planned public announcement scheduled for June 17, 2026.
 - The season includes 29 shows and features a more collaborative programming approach.
 - Accessibility improvements include 11 shows with open captioning and upgrades to hearing-assist systems.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- There is no Director's Report for this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Nancy Zola asked about the timeline for the installation of artwork on

Oak Street. Staff informed the Board that it is scheduled for August. Information is on the Focoart Instagram page and posted last week.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chris Quatrano made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Aerica Van Dorn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
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