

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Arts & Culture Board REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 10, 2026 – 5:30 PM

Gardens on Spring Creek, Community Room

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 PM

ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present –Lorrie Beaumont, Sheri Emerick, Myra Powers, Chris Quatrano, Jordan Sorokin, Eleanor Van Deusen, Aerica Van Dorn, Nancy Zola
- Board Members Remote – Ben Griffin
- Board Members Absent –
- Staff Members Present – Amanda Castelli, Solara Clark, Libby Colbert, Liz Good, Annie Irwin, Eileen May
- Guest(s) – Christine Hogg

AGENDA REVIEW

- Gardens on Spring Creek - Native Gardens was removed from New Business due to staff being out sick.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Christine Hogg attended the meeting to observe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Approval of July 2026 minutes. Aerica Van Dorn made a motion to accept the minutes. Sheri Emerick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call.
- Re-approval of June 2026 minutes. Due to a mistake found in the June minutes after approval at the July meeting, staff requested a re-approval of the revised minutes. Myra Powers made a motion to accept the minutes. Jordan Sorokin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- Sykes Drive Park Project Design Review
 - Liz Good introduced the Sykes Drive Park Project, now named Mariposa Park, and introduced Amanda Castelli and Annie Erwin to

- o further present the public art for the park.
 - o Amanda Castelli and Annie Erwin presented the proposed sculpture inspired by the Colorado hairstreak butterfly by artist Lisa Cameron Russell that will be located near the Sykes Drive entrance to the park.
 - o Myra Powers made a motion to recommend the proposed Mariposa Park Project public art project to City Council for approval. Jordan Sorokin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call.
- Transformer Cabinet Design Review
 - o Libby Colbert reviewed a transformer cabinet design by Terry McNerney near Stuart Street.
 - o The mural concept features Colorado wildlife in Terry's signature playful style.
 - o Sheri Emerick made a motion to approve the Transformer Cabinet Mural Design. Eleanor Van Deusen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously via roll call.
- Center for Creativity Call for Activation Educational Review
 - o Solara Clark, Libby Colbert and Liz Good informed the Board about an upcoming review of Center for Creativity Activation applications.
 - o Staff will do an initial review and provide the Board with a recommended ranked list of applications. The Board will be asked to review the applications and come prepared to discuss and shift the ranked list if desired.
 - o Upon an approved list, staff will work to coordinate with applicants to provide space at the Center for Creativity at no charge.
 - o The review will come two weeks prior to the September meeting.
- Programming Gaps Brainstorming – Small Groups
 - o Eileen May prompted the Board to split into two small groups and discuss programming topics such as gaps in current program, spaces or locations that can be utilized for programming and possibilities moving forward.
 - o After the Board split to brainstorm, the group came back together to present their ideas. Staff collected brainstorming pages and will create a written list for reference.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- o Eileen May updated the Board on department updates:
 - The Community Art and Art in Public Places Masterplan Request for Proposal is in the process of being awarded. The goal is to start the work October 1, 2026.
 - There is a financial review of Art in Public Places Program on August 31, 2026, by the Council Finance Committee.
 - The Department redesign initiative small group is ready to present an initial idea to leadership within the Department.
 - The horticulture staff at the Gardens on Spring Creek is being restructured to allow for four entry level technicians rather than

the current three to address short staffing.

- Marketing is starting a shift into a centralized team within Community Services. Emily Haukeness is the lead for that team.
- Some upcoming events to be aware of are:
 - September 26: Everything I Know: Mandy Gonzalez sings Lin-Manuel Miranda with the Fort Collins Symphony at The Lincoln Center.
 - August 29: Big Bad Voodoo Daddy at The Gardens on Spring Creek

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chris Quatrano made a motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Jordan Sorokin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes approved by the chair and a vote of the Board/Commission on XX/XX/XXXX.