# **MINUTES**

Fort Collins Boards & Commissions

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Cultural Resources Board REGULAR MEETING

<u>Thursday, January 26, 2023 – 5:30 PM</u> <u>Columbine Room, The Lincoln Center</u>

## CALL TO ORDER: 5:32 PM

## ROLL CALL

- Board Members Present Kelly Barber, Jean McGinnis, Vicki Fogel Mykles (Interim Chair), Audra Vaisbort, Timothy Vavra
- Board Members Remote Leslie Walker
- Board Members Absent Nandini Singh
- Staff Members Present Solara Clark, Jim McDonald
- Guest(s) Katy Schneider- Director of Marketing, Visit Fort Collins

#### AGENDA REVIEW

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

 Approval of December 2022 minutes. Following the election of the Interim Chair, Vicki Fogel Mykles called for a motion to accept the minutes. Jean McGinnis made a motion to accept the minutes. Audra Vaisbort seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Kelly Barber, Jean McGinnis, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Timothy Vavra, Leslie Walker

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Election of Interim Chair
  - Jim McDonald explained City policy relating to Interim Chair and the election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the year.
  - Jim McDonald opened the floor for interest in the Cultural Resources Board Interim Chair. Audra Vaisbort nominated Vicki Fogel Mykles.
    - Vicki Fogel Mykles accepted the nomination.
  - Audra Vaisbort made a motion to approve the nomination. Leslie Walker seconded the motion. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Kelly Barber, Jean McGinnis, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Timothy Vavra, Leslie Walker.
- Introduction of New Members Kelly Barber and Audra Vaisbort
  - Each member of the Board introduced themselves to the new members.
  - $_{\odot}$  Audra Vaisbort introduced herself to the Board.
  - Kelly Barber introduced herself to the Board.
- 2023 Project Support II Discussion and Funding Recommendations
  - Jim McDonald reviewed the 2023 Project Support II Funding Results and explained how scoring affects the amount funded per application.

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- The Board discussed and reviewed seventeen 2023 Project Support II applications and funding recommendations.
- Audra Vaisbort asked the Board\_some questions about ZoomGrants and scoring.
  - Vicki Fogel Mykles addressed these questions.
- Kelly Barber made a motion to accept the funding recommendations. Audra Vaisbort seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Kelly Barber, Jean McGinnis, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Timothy Vavra, Leslie Walker.
- Jean McGinnis posed a question pertaining to closely related non-profits and their eligibility for funding in the same grant cycle.
  - Jim McDonald explained that currently any organization nonprofit status is eligible, regardless of their relationship with another nonprofit applicant.
- Audra Vaisbort mentioned some comments/concerns about the application questions in relation to scoring criteria.
  - The Board discussed the relationship between the application questions and scoring criteria and offered potential changes for the future.
  - Jim McDonald discussed proposed changes to the Fort Fund guidelines in relation to the FoCo Creates Arts and Culture Masterplan.
- Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair
  - Jim McDonald explained the process of nominating Chair and Vice-Chair.
  - Vicki Fogel Mykles nominated Leslie Walker for Chair.
    - Leslie Walker accepted the nomination.
  - Leslie Walker nominated Vicki Fogel Mykles for Vice-Chair.
    - Vicki Fogel Mykles accepted the nomination.
  - Jim McDonald informed the Board that voting will take place at the February Cultural Resources Board meeting.
- Katy Schneider- Director of Marketing, Visit Fort Collins Update
  - Year-end lodging collections 2019 had been highest lodging tax collection rate previously, the 2022 lodging tax collection has surpassed the 2019 rate.
  - A resident survey is being launched in the upcoming week as part of the branding initiative for Fort Collins.
  - Katy Schneider shared about her Fall Sales Mission trip with the Colorado Tourism Office to the United Kingdom and Germany. She was glad to share that Fort Collins had a slide devoted to Arts and Culture; participants were very interested in it.

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#### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Jim McDonald reminded the Board of the upcoming Fort Fund Community meetings and asked that Board members to please plan to make it to at least one of the two meetings.
- Jim McDonald informed the Board that there will be a review of the proposed changes to the Fort Fund Grant Guidelines at the February Cultural Resources Board meeting.
- Jim McDonald informed the Board that City is now hiring for the Gardens on Spring Creek Director position.

#### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

- Vicki Fogel Mykles attended the Colorado Bach Ensemble concert.
- Audra Vaisbort attended the Fort Collins Symphony/Friends of the Symphony's Escape to the Zoo family concert.
- Leslie Walker attended OpenStage Theatre & Company's production of Cabaret and Bas Bleu Theatre Company's production of Beyond Therapy.

## OTHER BUSINESS

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Jean McGinnis made a motion to adjourn at 6:57 PM. Audra Vaisbort seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Approved by roll call, Ayes: Kelly Barber, Jean McGinnis, Vicki Fogel Mykles, Audra Vaisbort, Timothy Vavra, Leslie Walker.

Respectfully submitted, Solara Clark Business Support III