

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

**WHEAT RIDGE RECREATION CENTER
4005 Kipling Street, Conference Room**

Item 1 – Call to Order

Diane Robb, Chair, called the make-up meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The previous two meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Jerith Gronski, Milly Nadler, Dave Opp, Gay Porter DeNileon, Diane Robb, and Jill Shannon. Jessica Schwartz arrived at 6:06 p.m.

Members absent: Carol Mathews

Guests: Chris Miller, City Treasurer

Staff: Susan Anderson, Acting Recreation & Facilities Manager

Chair Diane Robb welcomed the Commissioners, Ms. Susan Anderson from the Parks and Recreation Department, and Mr. Chris Miller, City Treasurer, to the Commission meeting.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Porter DeNileon made a motion to accept the minutes of February 13, 2019, as amended. Commissioner Gronski seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

Public Art Acquisition Recommendation – Anderson Park (Gronski)

Commissioner Gronski reported that at the City Council Meeting held on March 11,

2019, Resolution No. 15-2019 was unanimously approved. Resolution No. 15-2019 amends the Fiscal Year 2019 Public Art Fund Budget to reflect the approval of a Supplemental Budget Appropriation in the amount of \$18,500 and approving payment to Nancy Lovendahl in the amount of \$79,500 with a \$4,000 Contingency for the purchase of “Sweet Grass Dance,” a stone sculpture.

The grand opening of Anderson Park’s renovation is scheduled for June 22. The committee will arrange for the dedication of the artwork during the Carnation Festival in August.

Commissioner Robb will follow-up with the Director of Parks and Recreation to clarify the supplemental budget appropriation towards the artwork.

Commissioner Robb shared that City Council approved a large development project of townhomes located at 50th and Ward Road. In addition, there was a notation made that the developer in lieu of fees will be creating a park that they will maintain. Public art money comes from developer fees. Commissioner Robb will ask for an explanation since this agreement ultimately affects the Cultural Commission’s budget.

Artspace (Robb)

Commissioner Robb stated that they are moving forward with planning for a feasibility study. The Commission is scheduled to speak at the City Council Study Session on May 20th to request funding for the study. The Commission is working closely with Localworks, which has contributed \$12,500 towards the study, and putting together a group of very diverse community numbers to show wide community support.

Budget Subcommittee Planning – Robb, Opp, Schwartz, Porter DeNileon

Commissioner Opp reported that the budget for the remainder of 2019 is \$3,000. He is requesting a meeting with Joyce to discuss budget requirements for 2020, spending Community Foundation funds, and aligning the Commission’s role in public art activities.

Promotion of the Cultural Vision (Schwartz)

Commissioner Schwartz reported that she will be including information on the 50th Anniversary materials and is working closely with Commissioner Gronski on that content in the slide presentation. If awarded the feasibility study for Artspace, Commissioner Schwartz will be including content on that as well. Commissioner Schwartz will incorporate City related logos for partners as well as list past Cultural

Commission award winners. Art on loan will also be included. Upon compilation of this next draft, she will send to Ms. Sara Spaulding and will provide a deadline to return the Power Point, pending review by the Commission before it is finalized.

Poet-in-Residence Program (Nadler)

Sharon, our Poet-in-Residence, wrote the poem titled, “Tree City,” which was displayed at the City’s 50th Anniversary Gala. The poem is currently displayed at City Hall. Commissioner Nadler will be asking Sharon if she is available to read the poem during the Anderson Park Opening Celebration on June 22.

The 50th Celebration Community Art Project (Gronski)

Commissioner Gronski reported that the community engagement greetings campaign is moving forward. Window clings of the postcard image have been produced for business storefronts, and Localworks will print the postcards. Commissioner Gronski and Commissioner Mathews will meet with the City’s Public Information Officer, Digital Media Specialist, and Localworks to fine-tune the logistics for the campaign.

Additionally, Localworks will be producing an oversized poster of the greetings image for their summer events, which will continue to embrace our City’s community pride with a unified message throughout the summer.

Wheat Ridge Reads (Porter DeNileon)

Commissioner Porter DeNileon gave an update on Wheat Ridge Reads. The evaluation of books and authors will start in May and will be voted on in June so the community can begin voting. After the vote by commissioners, there will be a public campaign to obtain community input on the final selection.

Item 5 – New Business

Earlier this spring, Leah Dozeman asked for a call for artists for the Carnation Festival plate contest. It has been promoted on Facebook and will be emailed to the Cultural Commission database. The call for artists has also been sent to all local media. The deadline for submission is June 1. In the first week of June, a subcommittee will make a recommendation to Leah Dozeman who will make the final decision.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Add mural program for Wheat Ridge.

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Nadler: Thanked Gay for posting to the cultural events webpage. There are now over 200 Likes.

Commissioner Porter DeNileon: Announced that three former Wheat Ridge Reads authors have received critical acclaim recently. There are readings on May 1st at Book Bar by two of them.

Commissioner Gronski: Welcomed Susan Anderson to the group. Hopes Chris will continue attending meetings and contribute his expertise.

Commissioner Shannon: Thanks to everyone for all your work.

Commissioner Opp: Likes the formation of sub groups to manage multiple programs at once and keep members accountable.

Commissioner Schwartz: Thanked everyone for engagement. Will not attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Robb: It is fun to see the growth and variety of programs. The G Line sculpture of Mike Clappers work and other artists is being dedicated on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Item 8 – Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.