

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Wednesday January 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

(Hybrid/Zoom Meeting)

Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairperson Kathleen Martell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Lindsay Burney, Celia Daly, Maru Garcia, Beth Kelley, Teresa Linder, Kathleen Martell, Kathy Plummer, and Stephanie Taylor

Members absent: Nancy Dragani

Guests: None

Staff: Susan Anderson, Recreation Manager
Wheat Ridge Parks & Recreation Center Department

Introductions

Chair Kathleen Martell welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brief introductions were given by commission members.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes for December 14, 2022, as written. Commissioner Linder seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business
Funding Sponsorship Requests

None.

Arts Drop Update (Daly)

Chair Martell reported they had three art pieces that were unclaimed after the event. One was later found and claimed. Another one was raffled last weekend and they are coordinating delivery. Also, one artwork will be raffled this weekend. Please

add any thoughts to the “lessons learned” document on the commission drive. Susan Anderson sent in a request to see if they could obtain an Instagram account.

Funding Application Process (Burney)

Commissioner Burney discussed in detail the funding process so people could submit an application over a period of time. The commission has already completed an application so that part is done. They need to create an outlet to promote this and to initiate a press release to start pushing it out there. There was no response from the Neighborhood Gazette newspaper regarding advertising quotes. So, they really need to rely on having copies of the press release to share with people that they talk to. The application process on the website is active and open until April 30th. The commission is funding up to \$500 for artistic events in Wheat Ridge that happen from May until September 2023. It’s money that will cover the cost of the event related to art culture so it will not be a cash donation. For 2024, the goal would be to have two windows from January to June, and then July to December to be able to fund through the whole year. Commissioner Burney will email the press release to commission members. There are no submissions that have been received as of yet.

Commissioner Garcia will send the flyer to Wheat Ridge Creates and will distribute the flyer at the Wheat Ridge Theater Company for their ribbon cutting ceremony on February 8th at 12 p.m.

2023 Structure & Budget Planning (Martell)

Chair Martell shared the following ideas for outreach/relationship building events:

- Social ideas - coffee social, provide food and buy your own drinks, ice cream social, charcuteries, etc.
- Have pop-ups at businesses
- What can the commission offer?
- Best ways to use the resources the commission already has on hand
- Attend group meetings (WR Creates, Clear Creek Makerspace, WR Co-op, etc.)
- Partner with larger events such as Ridgefest, Carnation Festival, and Holiday Tree Lighting
- How can the commission connect with individuals?
- How to bring art culture to more people and expand that experience?
- What activities can they host, Chalk?
- How can the commission access, manage, or create an email list?

Chair Martell asked the commissioners to attend events as they arise. For the February meeting, everyone should be prepared to discuss more specifics and what

each will be able to own and time commitments for everyone.

Item 5 – New Business

2023 Performances in the Park (Martell)

Chair Martell announced that they will not have FACE Vocal band return this year. They will forward their information to Localworks. The commission will work with Stephen Clyde with Parks and Recreation Center to review sponsorship packages since the commission is a program sponsor instead of a specific band for the evening. Possibility of being present at the evening and daytime kid events.

Ongoing City Proclamations for Art/Culture Related Observances (Burney)

After hearing comments and much discussion from the commissioners, Chair Martell decided to push this topic to next month.

Commission Burney provided the following information for the commission's consideration:

- March is Youth Art Month
- April 15 is World Art Day
- April 22 is Earth Day
- Aug 2 is National Coloring Book Day
- October 25 is National Art Day

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

None.

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Linder: Great conversation, I'm really excited about some of these places we can go.

Commissioner Taylor: Happy New Year!

Commissioner Burney: Great meeting!

Commissioner Kelley: Thanks everybody, great conversation and looking forward to our next steps.

Commissioner Garcia: Thank you so much for the wonderful ideas. Be on the lookout for the invitation for the Wheat Ridge Theater Company ribbon cutting ceremony on February 8th at 12 p.m.

Commissioner Daly: Lovely to see all of you.

Commissioner Plummer: Wonderful meeting, it's exciting to look at our future. I'm so sorry you aren't sitting here with me because I realized it's snowing there.

Chair Martell: I'm feeling a little overwhelmed but overwhelmed with really good stuff, so I'm excited.

Item 8 – Adjournment

Chair Martell adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.