

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Wednesday May 10, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

(Zoom Meeting)

Item 1 – Call to Order

Chairperson Kathleen Martell called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Lindsay Burney, Beth Kelley, Brendan Kelley, Teresa Linder, Kathleen Martell, and Kathy Plummer

Members absent: Celia Daly and Stephanie Taylor

Guests: None

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

Introductions

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

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Brendan Kelley made a motion to accept the minutes for April 12, 2023, as written. Commissioner Linder seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

Review Grant Funding Sponsorship Applications (Burney)

Commissioner Burney reported they had a total of six sponsorship applicants; four of those were provided funding.

No Funding:

Chair Martell will follow up with the below applicants with the [form "Decline" letter](#).

- Leave No Trace Spotlight – Wheat Ridge Parks and Rec
- Journey Girls

Yes Funding:

Commissioner Burney provided the following information pertaining to the selected applicants:

- **Wheat Ridge Theatre - Pride Float (\$500):**
Parameters for reimbursement to be for art supplies/float materials
Cultural Commission Contact: Commissioner Beth Kelley
- **Localworks Ridgifest/Makers on the Ridge - Chalk Art (\$500):**
Parameters for reimbursement to be for chalk supplies/payment for artists
Cultural Commission Contact: Commissioner Burney
- **Colorado Fold Arts Council - Oktoberfest (\$500):**
Parameters for reimbursement to be for payment of performing artists/musicians/dancers
Cultural Commission Contacts: Commissioners Daly/Plummer
- **Sister Sundays (\$500):**
Parameters for reimbursement to be for advertising/art supplies
Cultural Commission Contact: Commissioner Linder
Commissioner Linder informed the commission tonight that due to personal issues with the Sister Sundays planner, they have opted to not accept the funding and will not be moving forward with Sister Sundays this year. They will look at reapplying next year.

Next Steps:

Commissioners: For those who are the primary contact, please reach out and inform the applicants of the award. Let them know they will receive a more formal award letter detailing the parameters for reimbursement, as well as instructions on how to get reimbursed.

Commissioners Daly and Burney are working on finalizing the award letter and will send out when completed.

2023 Performances in the Park (Martell)

Chair Martell will check in with the commissioners ahead of the event date to see

who can attend and distribute chalk.

- August 7 – coloring book and crayons at both shows
- Commissioners Linder and Plummer will take the lead on finding two Plein Air artists for evening shows, funding up to \$250 per artist
- Coloring Book – Commissioner Beth Kelley and (maybe Commissioner Taylor) taking the lead; Commissioner Burney will check on possible contact for printing

Item 5 – New Business

Chair Martell reported the following:

Carnation Festival & Parade (Martell)

- Call for art has been posted
- Parade entry submitted with three designs
- Cultural Commission members will walk in parade/pass out chalk
- Chair Martell will take the lead on inviting art culture groups in the city; host a social event after the parade at Stylus and Crate

Arts Drop (Martell)

- Subcommittee – Commissioners Daly, Burney, Plummer, Brendan Kelley and Martell
- Will schedule committee meeting

Public Art Donation

- Karin Schelke, a resident of Wheat Ridge, would like to donate public art and pay for a sculpture for the City of Wheat Ridge; has an artist in mind
 - Artist - Kevin Box (Painting - Painted Ponies)
 - Two small paintings OR one large “Dancing Pony”
 - Installation at Prospect Park – recent renovations complete - near pavilion

In 2013, the Cultural Commission performed an audit of Wheat Ridge city parks and identified five priority locations for public art, which included Prospect Park.

City Process Requirements:

- Specific group met to review the offer and agreed to move forward
- Cultural Commission consensus to move forward to City Council for approval
- Presented to City Council to approve the donation, and use of public art fund dollars to cover the costs of transportation/installation/plaque

Chair Martell made a motion to forward to City Council. Commissioner Linder moved to provide consensus to City Council for approval of the donation, Commissioner Burney seconded, all in favor and excited.

Chair Martell reported that the Cultural Commission received a Letter of Support for a USDA Grant. She will forward via email to commissioners once reviewed.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

- Art group conveyor events

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Linder: Great meeting, excited about the pony art, thanks everyone.

Commissioner Burney: Great meeting, good review on all the sponsorship applications. Excited about what we will do this year and future years, thank you all.

Commissioner Brendan Kelley: Excited about the Carnation Festival event, good things happening.

Commissioner Beth Kelley: Great meeting, excited about the Plein Air art, great things.

Commissioner Plummer: Appreciate being home for the meeting due to bad weather; excited about our plans and ideas, glad to be a part of it.

Chair Martell: Regarding rec center passes, will collect those tonight or will email. The commission has an opening due to Nancy's resignation and we have two additional District I applications on file. Think about your connections and see if there is a viable candidate for the commission. Great meeting, thank you everyone.

Item 8 – Adjournment

Chair Martell adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.