

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Wednesday August 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.
via
(Zoom/Hybrid Meeting)**

Item 1 – Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Celia Daly called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Lindsay Burney, Celia Daly, Liz Hurlburt, Beth Kelley, Brendan Kelley, Teresa Linder, Kathy Plummer, and Stephanie Taylor

Members absent: Kathleen Martell

Guests: None

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

Introductions

Vice Chairperson Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting and brief introductions were given by commission members.

New commissioner Liz Hurlburt (At Large), was welcomed to the commission.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Daly made a motion to accept the minutes for June 9, 2023, as written. All accepted and approved the motion.

Commissioner Plummer had a change to the May 10, 2023, minutes. Motion was made to accept the amended minutes as noted, all accepted and approved the motion.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

Grant Funding Sponsorship Applications Update (Burney)

Commissioner Burney reported the following:

- Local works just submitted.
- Two events have finished - Ridgefest with Chalk Art (to be reimbursed soon) and Pride also finished.
- Colorado Folk Arts coming up.
- Money left over since two applications pulled out - shall we have another call before end of the year, so we don't lose our projected budget allocated for grant funding for the following year? Money allocated is \$1,500 out of \$6,000. Vice Chair Daly suggested skip another call due to limited time and capacity; perhaps look at other programs.
- Going to ask and reach out to see what hosting a community night would cost at various businesses. Commissioner Beth Kelley volunteered to help.

Performances in the Park Update (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly reported that the event was great. Commissioners attended quite a few concerts and the community was really engaged. Chalk and crayons were a hit. A takeaway was that they should have 2+ people signed up for each performance to ensure the commission's presence is felt at these events and not have a commission table as it's a lot for one person to manage.

Carnation Festival & Parade (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly reported the following information:

The parade is this Saturday. The commission's spot is #11 in the parade schedule and will be lining up at the corner of Ames and 38th Avenue at 9:00 a.m. At least six people will be needed to attend, so if your plans change, please let the other commissioners know. Also, please bring a bag or apron to help give out items.

Arts Drop (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly shared the following:

Arts Drop is over and was a huge success. What a great event! A new app was used this year instead of logging into Facebook which was much better. This could put it on Instagram while using the app if we can obtain approval from the city. There were 16 total drops. Recommendation to consider starting a month earlier. Lots of engagement on Facebook. In the commission's file folder, located is a post-mortem document of information of lessons learned from the event. Please add to it as you see fit. Some things that worked well this year was having it four weekends. The plannable app for organizing the drop posts worked out great. There was lots of engagement from the team. Chair Martell went to pick up vouchers at businesses

and found two pieces were not yet picked up. Agreed to leave them for another few days and will retrieve them if they're not claimed. These will be given away in a raffle or used for later Arts Drop purposes.

Item 5 – New Business

Annual Business Awards Vote (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly asked for everyone's vote for the business awards. There was a discussion of the nominated companies (listed below) and then everyone voted for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Vice Chair Daly tallied the votes by the commissioners and determined the winner - to be announced at the business awards breakfast in October. The Business Award date was moved from September to October 12th.

- Artcentric
- WR Theater Company
- Altitudes
- All Seasons Holiday Market
- Get Rights
- All Sacred Tattoo
- Out of Step Clay

Art Group Conveyor Events (Brendan Kelley)

Commissioner Kelley informed everyone of the following:

- Would like to form a sub-committee to post events on commission calendar
- Localworks Open House for Clear Creek Makers Space
(Commissioner Burney to reach out to Paige about the date)
- Something at Artcentric
 - Maybe have twice before end of year

Roles – Commission Structure (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly announced that Chair Martell would like to step down from the chair position by the end of the year, meaning that position will be open. Consequently, they are looking for someone in the commission to step up for chairperson and Chair Martell would like to move to Vice Chair. It's not a lot of work, especially now that commissioners are taking on certain initiatives and projects without chair support. Going in 2023, would prefer that all commissioners to lead or be an active member of a program or subcommittee.

Budget and Planning (Daly)

Vice Chair Daly reported that they are way under budget and need to consider how to spend some of this additional money. There was a suggestion to sponsor a new

grant application but was not in favor of that idea as it's confusing to reopen that program which takes more effort and planning that the commissioners aren't able to do currently.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

*Revisit Mission Statement

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Plummer: Wanted to back the most productive and energetic (comments inaudible) in each and every one. The things I value about this is no one seems to be (comments inaudible). There's not a question that we can't ask. We all teach each other and learn from each other. One thing that I learned this week is that the teacher's this time of year have wish lists, maybe in the future we can ask art teachers and knitting groups.

Commissioner Linder: (comments inaudible).

Commissioner Brendan Kelley: Good energy, excited about putting together (comments inaudible) definitely more of a presence in the community (comments inaudible).

Commissioner Beth Kelley: This felt really productive, exciting. I feel like the more we are coming into (comments inaudible).

Commissioner Taylor: Look forward to seeing anyone going on Saturday.

Commissioner Burney: Thanks for a great meeting.

Commissioner Hurlburt: (comments inaudible).

Vice Chair Daly: Thanks everybody for being here and being engaged. I've been on the commission the longest at this point and this is definitely the most engaged I've seen it.

Item 8 – Adjournment

Vice Chair Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.