

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE  
CULTURAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**

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

**Item 1 – Call to Order**

Diane Robb, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests**

Members present: Jerith Gronski, Carol Mathews, Milly Nadler, Gay Porter DeNileon, Diane Robb, and Jessica Schwartz

Members absent: Val Nosler Beck, Jill Shannon, and Dave Opp

Guests: Chris Miller, City Hall Treasurer  
Deana Miller, Public Art Consultant

Staff: Joyce Manwaring, Parks and Recreation Director

Chair Diane Robb welcomed the commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Robb announced that Commissioner Val Nosler Beck has resigned from the Cultural Commission.

Robb shared that Mr. Chris Miller is the newly appointed City Hall Treasurer and later will discuss his ideas and has offered his support to the Cultural Commission.

**Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Porter DeNileon made a motion to accept the amended minutes for January 9, 2019. Commissioner Gronski seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

#### **Item 4 – Unfinished Business**

##### **Public Art Acquisition Recommendation – Anderson Park (Gronski)**

A presentation was provided by Ms. Deana Miller, Public Art Consultant, regarding the public art acquisition proposal for Anderson Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews to accept the proposal for the Anderson Park public art acquisition, Commissioner Gronski seconded the motion, all accepted and approved. The Cultural Commission has accepted the proposal and the next step will be to present it to City Council for their approval. It was also recommended that the Commission arrange for a dedication of this artwork during the Carnation Festival.

##### **Artspace (Robb)**

Commissioner Robb reported that the Commission and Artspace provided a presentation at City Council's study session. There was a consensus by City Council members that the Commission should pursue the concept of Artspace Consulting. In the meantime, it was expressed that the Commission will need to obtain public input/partnership in order to move forward. Commissioner Mathews will contact NRF to request if the Commission could have a public presentation board at their next public meeting. Robb asked the commissioners to prepare a write-up so the Commission could explore using some local press through all the different Medias.

Commissioner Schwartz will continue her close association with Localworks and will work jointly with them. The Commission has their strong support of Artspace and the cultural activities.

##### **Subcommittee Planning – Robb, Opp, Schwartz, Porter DeNileon**

Commissioner Robb stated that there will be a meeting with Joyce Manwaring on March 12th and all of the commissioners were asked to think about some financial necessities as the Commission moves forward to develop a relevant budget. Commissioner Porter DeNileon will compile a financial spreadsheet combining everyone's input to develop a proposed budget request.

##### **Promotion of the Cultural Vision (Swartz)**

Commissioner Swartz reported that she is putting together a summary for the Cultural Commission vision. She stated that she would compile contents for a draft power point that will be shared with business and community leaders to help advance the Cultural Commission's vision. As a result, she will later share that information with the Commission for feedback and further development.

### **Wheat Ridge Reads Summary (Porter DeNileon)**

Commissioner Porter DeNileon reported that the Wheat Ridge Reads Program for this year was the most successful ever with great attendance at the public event. Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage has offered to host the evening public event for next year. The Commission will also start working on the next book selection in the summer.

### **Poet-in-Residence Program (Nadler)**

Commissioner Nadler reported that on January 21st, she introduced the poet, Ms. Sharon Heinlen, to City Council. Commissioners Robb, Shannon, and Gronski were in attendance and provided their support. Ms. Heinlen read her poem, “Neighborly Inspiration,” and distributed another poem that she wrote for City Council named “A Kind of a Spark.”

On January 23rd, Commissioners Gronski, Shannon, Porter DeNileon, and Nadler met with Ms. Heinlen to discuss her role as the new Poet-in-Residence.

Commissioners Shannon and Nadler composed an email that was sent by Commissioner Nadler to Wheat Ridge Middle and Elementary public schools. Ms. Nadler received a response from Mr. Tim Carlin, Principal at Peak Expeditionary School, which was formerly Pennington Elementary. He expressed that he is definitely interested in having Ms. Heinlen’s workshop for his 4<sup>th</sup> grade class. The Love Letters to Wheat Ridge will be written at the Gala, and Ms. Heinlen will write one in advance that will be on display at the Gala on the Love Letters table easel.

Ms. Heinlen will be compensated for her services by submitting her invoice directly to Joyce Manwaring for payment.

### **The 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration Community Art Project (Gronski)**

Commissioners Gronski and Robb met with Sara Spaulding and Bridget Dvorak for feedback from the greetings campaign proposal. Discussions followed on how to gather metrics from social media and outreaching to businesses for participation. Both Sara and Bridget liked the campaign but there are no funds available from the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration fund for printing the greetings postcards. Later that day, Commissioner Gronski met with Localworks to seek permission to use the greetings artwork and funding to print the postcards. Localworks reviewed the campaign proposal, viewed it as a community engagement activity, and would support the printing of postcards and/or window clings. Currently the campaign is forecasted to launch in May.

**Item 5 – New Business**

o **Vision Promotion – “Public Facing”**

Tabled-this topic was not discussed.

**Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

None.

**Item 7 – Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner comments were not recorded.

**Item 8 – Adjournment**

With no further business, Commissioner Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.