

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 8, 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 6:02 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Carol Mathews, Milly Nadler, Dave Opp, Gay Porter
DeNileon, Diane Robb, and Jill Shannon

Members absent: Jerith Gronski and Jessica Schwartz

Guests: None

Staff: Susan Anderson, Acting Recreation & Facilities Manager

Chair Diane Robb welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Porter DeNileon made a motion to accept the minutes of April 23, 2019, as amended. Commissioner Nadler seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

Public Art Acquisition Recommendation – Anderson Park (Gronski)

Commissioner Robb reported that the artist would not be able to complete the stone sculpture for Anderson Park until October. Robb expressed her disappointment in that the artwork for Anderson Park will not be ready until then based upon the artist not being able to acquire the necessary materials needed to complete the art piece in

a timely manner. Robb recommended that in the future the Commission should add specific information in the contract that addresses the issue of timeliness for completion of artwork.

Artspace (Robb)

Commissioner Robb stated that the Commission is scheduled to speak at the City Council Study Session on May 20th to request funding for the feasibility study. She indicated that they have a number of people lined up to speak so City Council can see firsthand the community support for the feasibility study.

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

Commissioner Porter DeNileon reported that the subcommittee proposed itemized budgets for 2019 and 2020, which were levied and approved by Joyce Manwaring, Director of Parks & Recreation. Funds of \$3,000 have been allocated by the city for 2019, and Manwaring has proposed that \$20,000 be allocated for the Commission's activities in 2020. Commissioner Porter DeNileon stated that the budget worksheets would be forwarded to Susan Anderson, who would work with the city during the budgeting process to ensure the funds for 2020 are set aside.

Poet-in-Residence Program (Nadler)

Commissioner Nadler reported that the poet, Ms. Sharon Heinlen, would read her poem during the Anderson Park opening celebration on June 22. Some alternate plans for her for the rest of the year could be at one of the Performances in the Park, and/or Ridgefest, and/or the Carnation Festival's opening reception, and/or at the December tree lighting ceremony.

The 50th Celebration Community Art Project (Gronski)

No report provided.

Wheat Ridge Reads (Porter DeNileon)

Commissioner Porter DeNileon provided a list of four authors with links to their web page to consider for Wheat Ridge Reads. She asked if there were any additions to please notify her, otherwise, she would recommend putting forward the names to the community to vote on for the 2020 presentation.

Festival Plate Design

Commissioner Nadler reported that this topic was not under "Unfinished Business" but rather an agenda item. She stated that they have one submission so far for the plate design and have boosted the post on Facebook. She expressed that she is working on getting out an email to the Cultural Commission email list calling for

artwork.

Mural Program

No report provided.

Staff Report (Anderson)

- **Foundation Balance**
- **Public Art Director Update**
- **Opportunities for Public Art with future builds**
- **Cultural programs WRPR offering in current guide**

Ms. Susan Anderson provided her Staff Report to the Commissioners regarding the above items.

Item 5 – New Business

Commissioner Opp announced that a donation to the Wheat Ridge Foundation from Vanguard Charitable for \$6,283 has been received for the Cultural Commission. He expressed that the contribution will be used for the Commission's Arts and Culture Programs.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

None.

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Shannon: No comments.

Commissioner Nadler: Thank you Dave for your support and getting us all that money and doing a good job.

Commissioner Porter DeNileon: It is fun to be working on all of this and congratulations to everyone here.

Commissioner Mathews: New adventures.

Commissioner Opp: Excited to be part of the group and to do things that we have not done in the past.

Commissioner Robb: Thank you Dave, so excited about the potential that this brings and that you would remember us. We have a new Commissioner, Ms. Ruth Baranowski. I contacted the City Clerk to speed up the process to get her on board,

so now we have a full slate. Thank you all for the work that you do, and to Susan, we are excited for you to be on board and to provide us with your staff report each month, really appreciate that information. Also, I am very excited about our budget.

Item 8 – Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Robb adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.