

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE
CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, July 10, 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 6:07 p.m.

Item 2 – Introductions – Members and Guests

Members present: Ruth Baranowski, Milly Nadler, Diane Robb, Jessica Schwartz, and Jill Shannon

Members absent: Jerith Gronski, Dave Opp, Carol Mathews, and Gay Porter DeNileon

Guests: None

Staff: Susan Anderson, Recreation & Facilities Manager

Chair Diane Robb welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Item 3 – Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to accept the minutes of June 12, 2019, as written but with an addendum to be included in the minutes. Commissioner Nadler seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

Item 4 – Unfinished Business

Public Art Acquisition Update – Anderson Park (Gronski)

Commissioner Robb reported that there is no update at this time. She stated that the art sculpture should be installed sometime in October.

The plaque for the art piece for Anderson Park was discussed. Robb explained that Class I will be the template that is used on all public art pieces in Wheat Ridge. Class II will be approximately that same size but there is a need to look into that. Robb expressed that she is hopeful that the artist will provide the additional materials needed to mount the plaque upon that was requested by the Commission.

Ms. Susan Anderson will follow up on that issue and will be contacting Ms. Deana Miller, Public Art Consultant.

Artspace (Robb)

Commissioner Robb reported that Artspace has forwarded a contract to the City Manager, Patrick Goff, who will be reviewing and signing the contract. His Assistant, Ms. Marianne Schilling, will be the point of contact for Artspace and the Cultural Commission regarding this venture. With that in place, the Commission can now move forward with this project.

Poet-in-Residence Program (Nadler)

Commissioner Nadler reported that the poet, Ms. Sharon Heinlen, read her poem at the Anderson Park grand opening program on Saturday, June 29, 2019. She is also preparing poems for the dedication of the Anderson Park sculpture “Sweetgrass Dance” and for the Carnation Festival Mayor’s Reception on August 8th. She will read her poems at both of these events.

The 50th Celebration Community Art Project (Gronski)

Commissioner Robb reported that there is no report at this time as Commissioner Gronski is not present at the meeting.

Wheat Ridge Reads (Porter DeNileon)

Commissioner Robb reported that Commissioner Porter DeNileon is not present at the meeting so there is no report.

Designation of Special Funds (Opp)

Commissioner Robb stated that the Commission would pursue spending the special funds set aside for a square dancing event at RidgeFest. Robb will confirm all the specifics with RidgeFest and Commissioner Schwartz will be in touch with the caller regarding the details. Schwartz will also be in charge to coordinate the arrangements for this event.

After RidgeFest, Robb indicated that there will be another upcoming event, Cider Days. The Commission will work with the Historical Society this year to see how

the Commission can coordinate with them to plan for the upcoming Cider Days event.

Carnation Festival Plates (Nadler)

Commissioner Nadler reported that their first recommendation was selected and Ms. Carly Picco was notified. Everyone else that submitted entries were contacted.

City Staff Report (Anderson)

Ms. Susan Anderson provided her staff report to the Commissioners.

- **Foundation Balance**
 - Balance was supplied to the group. No changes from the previous balance.
- **Public Art Director Update**
 - No update.
- **Opportunities for Public Art with future builds**
 - No changes.
- **Cultural programs WRPR offering in current guide**
 - No new current guide.
- **Wheat Ridge Recreation Center New Director**
 - Karen O'Donnell is the new Parks and Recreation Center Director and will be starting July 29, 2019.

Community Presentation (Schwartz)

Commissioner Schwartz reported that she is awaiting feedback from the City to see if they can assist with the build of a power point presentation or share a brand new template that she can work from pertaining to her presentations. She stated that she is working on a demonstration strategy to include an introductory letter and a request for the Cultural Commission's presentations to community groups. She is also considering collateral that the Commission would bring to community engagements/presentations or could share information such as the Wheat Ridge Greetings postcards, etc. She expressed that she is considering audiences to reach out to indirectly to present the Commission's power point presentations to include business associations such as Localworks, Urban Renewal Wheat Ridge, Applewood business district, planning commissions, etc.

In addition, she would like to reach out to the Wheat Ridge Art League to learn more about their work and share opportunities to collaborate with on upcoming ventures.

RidgeFest

Commissioner Robb stated that she is on a committee with Localworks for Ridgefest. She will inform them that the Commission will not be doing the fire sculpture this year, but instead will be looking into sponsoring square dancing as an event. She indicated that the Commission would also be sponsoring Chalk Fest again this year.

Miscellaneous

Commissioner Robb shared that the Cultural Commission completed a rubric assessment on all of the business award nominations and reported that they received a number of nominees. The top three candidates are as follows: The Craft Box, Ornamental Beads, and Swiss Cottage. The winner will be announced at the breakfast awards ceremony.

Item 5 – New Business

None.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

Mural Program – this topic was not discussed.

Item 7 – Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Shannon: No comments.

Commissioner Nadler: No comments.

Commissioner Schwartz: Super fun meeting.

Commissioner Baranowski: No comments.

Commissioner Robb: Very pleased with the Anderson Park grand opening. Also excited about the nominees for the Cultural Commission business award. Everyone will be invited to attend the awards ceremony and will be receiving their official invitation. We look forward to a new Parks and Recreation Center Director and congratulations to Susan for her new manager position.

Item 8 – Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Robb adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.