

**CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE  
CULTURAL COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022  
6:00 p.m.**

**(Via Zoom Virtual Meeting)**

**Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Celia Daly called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Members present: Lindsay Burney, Celia Daly, Maru Garcia, Teresa Linder,  
Kathleen Martell, Milly Nadler, and Kathy Plummer

Members absent: Nancy Dragani

Guests: None

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

**Introductions**

Chair Daly welcomed everyone to the meeting. Brief introductions were given by all commissioners.

**Item 3 – Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Plummer made a motion to accept the minutes of February 9, 2022, as amended. Commissioner Nadler seconded the motion, all accepted and approved.

**Item 4 – Unfinished Business**

**Welcome New Commissioners (Daly)**

Chair Daly welcomed the new commissioners that have recently come on board. For that reason, it would be helpful to have a “need-to-know” type of document pertaining to projects that the Cultural Commission is involved with and how to go

about coordinating that particular project/event. This how-to-document would be very useful, especially for the benefit of new commissioners since there has been such a turnover. The document will be sent to everyone for their review. As projects change, the document will be updated with new information.

### **Recreation Center Mural Project (Anderson)**

Manager Susan Anderson reported she met with all three artists regarding the mural wall art submissions that were submitted for the contest.

She explained for the benefit of the new commissioners that she proposed to the Cultural Commission if they would like to sponsor a mural project for the Recreation Center. The contest would be for adult and youth artists with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners to paint two walls located at the Recreation Center. The commission agreed with the proposal and three adult submissions were received. Unfortunately, there was no youth participation for the contest. The three artists' submissions/visions for the wall art were shared with the commission at last month's meeting. It was decided and approved to use the three adult submissions and have the youth portion separate. The artists will paint the mural on March 12-16 in the leisure pool area. The Recreation Center Staff will prep the area prior to the artists arriving on Tuesday. The artists selected the theme for the mural painting which they named "In this Together." Artist supplies that were requested have been purchased. The Parks and Recreation Center Marketing Staff will also prepare signage with the contest/artist information displayed to promote the event with the option for the artists to be involved in adding to the signage as well. The amount currently spent has been \$300 that the commission supports for the project. An unexpected additional expense will need to be purchased and asked the commission if they would like to cover the expense. A paint primer is needed to prep the wall space, but after researching for the product, there is a shortage of wall primer. Another substitute product was found that costs \$300-\$400 for a 5-gallon bucket. In addition, a commission member will be needed to be on the selection committee to help judge the winners for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Those selected for the committee include: a member from the community that is knowledgeable about art and also utilizes the Recreation Center, and a staff member that knows art as well that will be part of the committee. The judging will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Plummer volunteered to take photos. There were discussions to have a rubric for the judges to use for the contest to include a well-defined criterion for judging the art painting. After researching, Commissioner Nadler found a sample rubric. The rubric consists of an overall rating of 1-4, with 4 being the highest. The categories are: Visual Impact (overall quality), Interpretation and Creativity, Composition Design, Craftsmanship, and Criteria. This information will be shared

with the artists as well so they will know what the judging criteria will be for the contest. This is the first time a mural will be painted at the Recreation Center so it has not been determined if this could be an annual event. The Marketing Staff is also working on a flyer announcement to send to all the schools in the area. Commissioner Burney will be meeting with Wheat Ridge High School Staff on Monday and will share the flyer with them as well. After discussion, the committee decided to fund the extra paint primer expense. Chair Daly made a motion to pay \$350 for the primer expense out of the commission budget, Commissioner Linder seconded it, and all approved. Susan will prepare a new proposal for the youth mural contest for the commission's review and approval to be held in June. The mural will be painted in the Children's Pavilion.

### **Item 5 – New Business**

#### **Swiss Flower Relationship (Martell)**

Commissioner Martell shared that she received some negative feedback from the owner of Swiss Flower & Gifts regarding the commission's Wheat Ridge Reads event. She discussed how the commission could improve and support their partnering relationship with the owner of Swiss Flower. Commissioner Garcia stated that she was responsible for the lack of communication with the owner. Discussions included having the owner participate in the commission's Garden Tour by selling flowers, having a class on floral arrangements, participating in the Arts Drop event, or the Mural Contest. These ideas will be discussed with the owner by the Chair and Vice Chair.

#### **Land Acknowledgement (O'Donnell)**

Karen O'Donnell, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, joined the meeting and asked commissioners if they would be interested in participating in serving on a committee pertaining to Land Acknowledgement for the city. She explained that the City of Wheat Ridge is working on this venture. She shared the definition of what Land Acknowledgement means to the city, which is an effort to recognize the indigenous past, present, and future of a particular location and to understand our own place within that relationship. Land Acknowledgements can take the form of written or verbal statements and is becoming more common. This undertaking could create many opportunities for the city. She is taking the lead on this in drafting a statement pertaining to Land Acknowledgement for the City of Wheat Ridge. Interested parties that will be on the committee are from the Task Force, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the Historical Society. After discussion, Commissioners Linder and Daly volunteered to also be on the committee.

### **RidgeFest (Burney)**

Commissioner Burney stated that she was uncertain of what the future looks like for Localworks with their change in management. A lot is happening right now but will know more in a month of what that will consist of and what direction they will be taking with Localworks.

### **Planning for 2022 (Daly)**

Chair Daly reported their budget spreadsheet lists many projects that the commission is currently working on. She asked for suggestions on what other projects to include for this year. The current projects are: Arts Drop, Wheat Ridge Reads, Performances in the Park sponsorship, and the Parks and Recreation Center Mural Contest. Funds have been set aside to sponsor a chalk artist for Chalk of the Town and for the Business Award. After discussion, a Garden Tour was added for this year. Last year they sponsored an additional band for Regenerate Wheat Ridge Harvest Festival and Wheat Ridge Creates Art on the Farm. So, another item for everyone to think about for this year. Commissioner Burney shared there was an article in the newspaper regarding “Art on the Farm” expanding to “Art on the Barn,” so that platform is something else the commission could be involved with as well.

### **Wheat Ridge Reads (Garcia)**

Commissioner Garcia suggested to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

### **Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

- Art on the Farm  
(Commissioner Garcia will reach out to them regarding the commission’s support)
- Arts Drop
- Garden Tour
- Cultural Commission Celebrating 20 Years

### **Item 7 – Commissioner Comments.**

Commissioner Burney: Appreciate the calendar which helps to plan for events since the commission has had a significant turnover.

Commissioner Garcia: Thank you for support and excited about the mural.

Commissioner Martell: Thank you for your flexibility regarding moving the meeting from Wednesday to Tuesday for this month. I am involved with Regenerate

Wheat Ridge and the program kicks off tomorrow morning. If anyone is interested in either the morning or evening sessions, to let her know. We covered a lot today and excited about what we are doing to move forward successfully.

Commissioner Plummer: Thank you for your leadership and willingness to lead all of us Celia; very excited about what we are doing.

Commissioner Linder: Happy to be here, it all sounds fun and exciting. I could not open any of the links that you sent Celia, not sure if it is a problem with Google Drive. Celia will resend the information.

Commissioner Nadler: Welcome to Teresa, excited to work with everyone, great ideas.

Chair Daly: Thank you all for being here, we are a new commission and working to get everything in place, excited about that.

### **Item 8 – Adjournment**

Chair Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.