

TOWN OF PARKER CULTURAL & SCIENTIFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

6:30pm – 8:00pm

PACE

I. Call to Order

- Diane called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

II. Roll Call

- Commissioners: Diane Roth, Lance Martin, Lisa Hinz (via Zoom), Janine Flores Jackson, Annie Day, Mike Edwards, Terri Tillis
- Cultural Staff: Carrie Glassburn, Denise Zoglmann, Suzanne Velasquez
- Excused Absent: Judy Bazile

III. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2021

- Mike motioned to approve the minutes from the July meeting, Lance seconded the motion which carried unanimously

IV. Nominating Committee Report and Recommendations

- The Nominating Committee - Janine, Lance and Diane - interviewed two candidates: Tom O'Malley and Phillip Kramer
- Councilmembers Anne Barrington and Todd Hendreks attended to observe the interviews
 - Janine presented information about Phillip Kramer:
 - 6-year Parker resident, extensive art background, attended shows at PACE, patron of many art organizations around Colorado, interned at Smithsonian, interest in creating an art colony, owned an art gallery, has background in fundraising and grant writing. He would be a good addition to the commission.
 - Lance presented information about Tom O'Malley:
 - Lifelong Parker resident, Parker Arts patron, volunteer photographer for PACE, very involved in the Parker community with: CASC, Knights of Columbus, Creative District. He has a lot of energy and a doer. Wants to bring positive change to the community. He would also be a good addition to the commission.
- Terri motioned to recommend to Town Council to appoint both candidates to the commission, Lisa seconded the motion which carried unanimously
 - If approved, this would bring the number of commissioners to 10

V. New Business

- Commissioner terms expiring 12/31/21: Judy, Lance, Mike, Terri

- Think about if you'd like to continue on the commission and let Diane and Carrie know your intention

VI. Committee and Project Reports

Recent Events:

- a. Honey Stop Aug 1. 9am-1 pm – Diane
 - Good commissioner participation at the event: Annie, Diane, Judy, Terri, Lisa
 - Mike was emcee, Annie created the bee for the kid's art project
 - 15 Vendors: Southeast Bee Keeping Club, Joe Komperda, Kate Hogan-Denver Audubon, Gazebo talks, Lisa Mason – CSU Extension Service, Kids Craft table – Parker Arts volunteers and LuHi NHS, face painting, Tagawa, and more
 - Story Time: Carissa from Parker Arts Education
 - JeporBee – Adam (Alex Beebeck) from Parker Arts Education
 - Over 3000 attended – we ran out of attendance tracking stickers and will order 4000 for next year

- b. Parker Quest Sat. Aug 28 9am-noon – Annie
 - Joint event with Parker Arts and Parker Area Historical Society
 - Big success, a lot of positive feedback, 253 registered, 200 attended
 - Train themed – Train tickets were punched at each stop
 - More interactive than previous years:
 - Crafts, gold panning, train, bubbles, tunnels
 - Costumed characters
 - Toured inside buildings
 - All kids received a train whistle
 - Booths with multiple Historic Societies: Parker Area, Castle Rock, Douglas County
 - Next year will have a similar format and a new theme

Ongoing:

- c. Programming Advisory – Lance
 - Met with Carrie and Britni to discuss next steps with the programming committee to discuss: timing-now that the season is built and been announced we're in a lull, do the current committee members want to continue? Do we want more tasks for the committee? Find ways to get fresh perspectives and bring more people to the committee, reset expectations, looking for ideas on genre rather than specific artists
 - Summer season could also be helped by the committee
 - Survey to go out in January – Carrie and Britni are compiling

- d. Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEAS) - Carrie
 - The Town is forming an internal DEI committee
 - Carrie, HR Director, Deputy Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator
 - Step one is internally educating Town Administration, Town Managers and Town Council to the importance of making changes

- This will help Parker Arts in making some more bold moves in the future with programming some things that we've been excited to do:
 - Uncomfortable Conversations Series
 - Plays from Black Playwrights, Visual art, classes, etc
- The Commission and Annie will be taking a pause with this committee until the Town finds the direction for us to take, the commission will then be able to continue with the support and backing of the Town of Parker

e. Adult Lectures – Mike

- Sept. 1: *Footpath to Busy Parker Road: Transportation Systems Along Cherry Creek* Lee Whiteley, Parker Area Historical Society
 - He gave a great talk
 - Although attendance was low, he sold out of his books
- Upcoming lectures:
 - Oct. 6: *Visual Arts for those with Mental Illness*
 - Nov. 3: *From Antimatter to Wormholes: The Science of Interstellar Travel*, Dr. KaChun Yu, Curator of Space Science, Denver Museum of Nature and Science
 - Jan. 5: *The World According to Dogs*; Marie Seelmeyer, Canine, Feline Behavior Counseling, Senior Behavioral Counselor

f. Art in Public Places – Janine/Denise

- Kieffer's Crossing mural was damaged but Parks is repairing it
- The Red Ball at Discovery Park will be replaced mid-late November
- Janine asked about advocating for public art
 - Carrie shared: P3 has a program for businesses: FLIP (façade landscape improvement plan) is a grant program which businesses can apply for funds to make improvements to their property, exterior art has been added as an improvement
 - Carrie has met with multiple Town departments to brainstorm areas where art can be implemented into projects that are already in the process

VII. Director's update – Carrie (I kept this vague so you can fill in, delete or adjust as you like)

- Last week was a busy week of drama in fielding email and social media topics and complaints of: BLM, QAnon, Nazi, ISIS, Art censorship, police brutality, mask mandates, vaccines
 - Most of the attention was due to an event rental that received media attention for a movie screening and resulting public outrage on social media
 - Some art pieces had to be removed due to not keeping with the politically neutral stance of the Town

- Another piece that was moved to a different location in the building due to being too controversial to display in the main hallway
- Janine asked how the commission could help and be advocates for Parker Arts regarding these or future topics that they are presented with
- Ticket sales are low – down 30% from the already lowered budgeted numbers
- Rentals are surpassing budget numbers
- Education did well over the summer with camps but the fall numbers are slightly down
- SCFD tax revenue is up 18%
- 10-Year Anniversary
 - We'd love for you to come to some of the events
 - Carrie gave the commissioners little canvases for the Free Little Art Gallery
 - 10/23 Artival – 4 volunteers needed, let Carrie know if you can help
 - 10/24 Breakfast and Time Capsule – commissioners will all be receiving invitations along with other Town VIP's

VIII. Adjournment

- Mike motioned to end the meeting at 8:00pm, Janine seconded the motion which carried unanimously

IX. Next meeting: Tuesday November 16, 2021