

Parker Cultural and Scientific Commission – 2021 Committee Descriptions

Mission: To foster, implement and participate in providing opportunities for cultural and scientific experiences for the community of Parker

Adult Lecture Series Committee

Talks on topics that impact Colorado citizens and residents of Douglas County. The intent of these talks is to increase the understanding of how arts, science and technology affect current and future issues facing our community, and provide the opportunity to learn and discuss a variety of trending topics.

- Recommend lecture topics.
- Identify, recruit and host lecturers.
- Make welcoming remarks before each lecture.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, citizen volunteers, and Cultural staff.

Art in Public Places Committee

Art in Public Places serves to enrich, stimulate, and enhance the aesthetic experience in Parker. Public art also contributes to the Town's economic draw and is an ongoing educational tool in the community. The Art in Public Places Committee makes recommendations to the Commission and the Town Council on public art projects, including:

- Facilitating the selection and placement of public art, including serving on art selection panels as needed and making recommendations on locating, moving, and deaccessioning public art.
- Providing input on budgetary aspects of selection of new art pieces and maintenance of existing pieces.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, citizen volunteers, local artists, and Cultural staff.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Formed with the intention of promoting Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all aspects within the scope of Parker Arts programming. Diversity, equity and inclusion are increasingly prevalent themes in the public eye, and in the performing arts in particular. This committee will offer the Cultural Department input on how to integrate these themes in Cultural programming. Some initiatives include:

- Partnering with experts to better understand and coordinate outreach to cultural groups.
- Establishing points of contact for partners and patrons to discuss diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Exploring current programming to establish opportunities for improvement.
- Exploring opportunities for new programming that would promote inclusion.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, citizen volunteers, and Town of Parker staff.

Historical Committee

The Historical Committee of the Cultural and Scientific Commission seeks to preserve, protect and make accessible the history and heritage of the Parker area. It endeavors to foster collaboration among existing entities, including Douglas County Libraries and the Parker Area Historical Society, promote digitization of historical information, and develop community interest in area history. Areas of focus include written and oral history as well as archeological artifacts and buildings. Furthermore, the committee supports and encourages historical education, events and the centralization of information to be made freely available to the citizens of Parker.

- Plan and lead the historic walks around downtown Parker in the summer months.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, Parker Area Historic Society members, and Cultural staff.

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Honey Festival Committee

An annual free outdoor event for the community where families learn about the benefits of the honey bee. Committee responsibilities include:

- Work in conjunction with Education and Outreach staff to plan and implement the Annual Honey Festival.
- Ensure the event will heighten awareness, appreciation and provide educational information and resources regarding the Honey Bee, honey products and bee keeping.
- Recruit and review vendors and educational organizations to participate in the event.
- Obtain educational materials to distribute at the event.
- Staff the Cultural Commission's booth at the event handing out educational materials and talking to the public about Honey Bees.
- Emcee the event and introduce speakers.
- Review the event upon its completion to make changes for the next year.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, local beekeepers, citizen volunteers, and Cultural staff.

Parker Quest Committee

An annual free outdoor event for the public at which participants explore historic buildings and locations around downtown Parker on foot. Committee responsibilities include:

- Work with outreach staff and volunteers to plan and execute the annual scavenger hunt.
- Innovate new ways to interact with the community and participants.
- Write and gather information for the quest stops.
- Act as day of representatives for participants.
- Review the event and plan future changes and improvements.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, Parker Area Historic Society members, and Cultural staff.

Programming Advisory Committee

To serve in an advisory capacity to help the Cultural Department succeed in its mission to provide access to arts, cultural, history and science programs, specifically in respect to our presented season.

- Receive and evaluate input from the community (both individuals and organizations) on issues relevant to cultural arts programming,
- Make recommendations regarding genres and framework for the presented season.
- Serve as an advocate on behalf of Parker Arts programming to the community.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, Parker Arts programming partners, citizen volunteers, Parker Arts volunteers, and Cultural staff.

Science Day Committee

This is a newly formed committee based on plans to present our first science-based outreach event, which is an open-air science fair for the community aimed at engaging elementary school-aged children. The inaugural event will take place at Discovery Park in 2021, and includes live science demonstrations and interactive vendor booths.

- Plan the event's timing and agenda.
- Day-of staffing and assistance.
- Post-event follow-up and assessment to improve future events.
- The committee is comprised of Commissioners, Council of Arts Science and Culture (CASC) members, and Cultural staff.