**Cultural and Scientific Commission**

**MINUTES**

**November 19, 2024**

**5:30pm - SCHOOLHOUSE**

1. Call to Order

a. Bethany called to order at 5:38pm

1. Roll Call
   1. Present: Katie Milazzo, Tabitha LaRose Burroughs, Robert Sanchez, Christine Kennedy, Allen Rosen, Tom O’Malley, Michael Montoya, Diana Norton, Bethany Wood, Terri Tillis, Phil Kramer
   2. Excused absent: Annie Day
   3. Staff Present: Suzanne Velazquez, Carrie Glassburn (via Zoom)
2. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2024
   1. Michael moves to approve, Robert Seconds, Unanimous approval
3. Ice Breaker - Take Away from Town Council Dinner
   1. Councilmembers supportive of arts and of commission, supportive of outreach beyond Parker.
4. Vacancies and Process for Renewing Terms (Carrie Glassburn/Suzanne Velasquez)
   1. Moving forward, you will have to “re-apply” to be a commissioner, but we don’t know what that process will look like yet. The Town is trying to bring some consistency across all the commissions as to how terms renew.
5. Changes in Rules and Procedures (Suzanne Velasquez)
   1. Clarification of changes to Cultural and Scientific Commission Rules and Procedures of Conduct
   2. Brief side discussion of vacancy caused by Tabitha’s departure. The Commission agrees that we will not need to fill this vacancy at this time because it leaves us with an odd number of Commissioners, which is preferred for voting purposes to avoid ties.
6. Committee Updates
   1. Parker Arts Lecture Series (Terri Tilliss)
      1. PFAFS in the Water lecture was held the day after the election, snowy Wednesday. About 30 present, more registered. Those present were very engaged.
      2. Committee has a new commissioner member, Christine, and a new citizen member.
      3. Laura Hefta gave Terri a bunch of ideas for talks at the Town Council dinner
      4. Brainstormed 20-30 topics, narrowed to 10, will begin working on potential speakers for these topics.
      5. Katie—might be good to do one in collaboration with the strategic planning committee/company who is prepping the strategic plan.
   2. History Committee (Bethany Wood)
      1. Next event is May
      2. No history utility wrap this year because there weren’t enough images
   3. Honey Festival Committee (Annie Day) – absent, no update
   4. Science Committee (Robert Sanchez)
      1. Great Science Night, sing the praise of the staff and the 3 citizen members of the committee were very involved
      2. Over 2000 attended
   5. Strategic Planning Committee (Katie Milazzo)
      1. Big things happening over the next 10 months
      2. Going with Keen Independent, a CO-based consulting firm who already partners with Theatre Projects. They are on top of their game, intelligent, passionate people. Will do a 3-day onsite visit in December, will meet with every staff member 1-1, will dive deep into all the data Parker Arts has. Will conduct a public survey, ie: what do people want to see in 5-10 years, what will Parker Arts do in 5-10 years as tax dollars slow? Will probably meet with Commission sometime in the spring.
7. Parker Public Art Commission (Carrie Glassburn)
   1. Elm tree update – dedication 11/18, Robert asked about preventing vandalism
   2. Utility wrap update – they are being installed. Eleven total wraps will be installed.
   3. Lamppost Banners: BID worked with Parker Arts to showcase Parker activities, placemaking. Should be going up in the next couple weeks. Lifespan is about 18 months. Fastsigns made them and will be installing them. Carrie: The BID paid for the entire project, about $25k and hopes to update banner designs sometime next year.
8. Director’s Report (Carrie Glassburn)
   1. Carrie has laryngitis, and so decided to skip this.
9. Commission Goals for 2025
   1. Revisit committees at beginning of the year

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1. For the next 15-20 minutes: How is commission serving its members
   1. P3 (Partnering for Parker’s Progress, the town’s urban renewal authority) people to attend to share info about downtown development/economics
   2. Strategic plan will be huge, take advantage of them as experts
   3. Perhaps hear from someone in a town that has partnered with Keene to see how their plans are going.
   4. How do we continue to clarify membership perks, accessibility of marketing for Parker Arts
   5. SCFD – how do we work towards getting that info out to citizens? Voters vote again in 2028, so it’s maybe not urgent, but can we get an “elevator pitch” for what amounts to commissioner political canvassing?
   6. Seems like we’re all coalescing about how as commissioners we can provide outward facing support.

1. Adjournment – 6:58pm
   1. Christine moves to adjourn, Terri seconds.

Next Meeting: January TBD, 2025– Location TBD