



Cultural and Scientific Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm)
PACE Center

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order: Bethany called to order at 5:34**
2. **Roll Call**
 - Commissioners: Bethany Wood, Katie Milazzo, Nicolas Geraci, Robert Sánchez, Annie Day, Alan Rosen, Tom O'Malley, Terri Tillis, Diana Norton-Stucky, Christine Kennedy, Michael Montoya
 - Staff: Suzanne Velasquez and Carrie Glassburn
3. **Introduction of new commissioner Nicholas Geraci, and introductions of Commission members**
4. **Report on season announcement party: Terri**
 - It was wonderful. Sara did a great job; she always plans really special events for members. People signed up in staggered times so things moved nicely. Great season to announce
 - Carrie: Sold about \$146k in tickets and memberships, etc. about \$10k less than last year.
5. **Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2025**

- Annie moves to approve, Katie Seconds, Unanimous approval

6. Committee Updates

- a. Parker Arts Lecture Series
 - Terri: Season is already planned; Most on Wednesday evenings at 6:30
- b. History Committee
 - Bethany: Crime and Wine Sept. 5&6
- c. Honey Festival Committee
 - Annie: In two weeks. 38 Booths, bubbles, lots of fun stuff. Please volunteer
- d. Science Committee
 - Robert: Developed a mission statement that was approved, and assigned more specific roles. Focused on Science Night, hoping to make that a bigger event and help out Parker Arts staff to make that happen. Science Night is November 2. Next science committee meeting is July 22
- e. Strategic Planning Committee
 - Katie: Working with Keen Consulting to develop a strategic plan. Looking to revamp strategic plan for next 10 years in terms of physical structures and mission. Rollout is going to happen in the fall or winter
 - Carrie: Committee regroups in October
- f. Public Art Commission
 - Christine: Projects galore:
 - Art Encounters: 8 new pieces in place
 - Rec center mural: Will go up the week of August 4. Showed the proposed image to rave reviews
 - Parking Garage mural: 4 finalists selected, committee meets next week to review artist visions for the mural(s)
 - Placards for permanent pieces – will do 9 in the area around PACE to set us up for the big 15-year anniversary

7. 150/250 plans: Carrie

- The Town overall will be branding all town events as “Back to our Roots”. Parker Arts will bring in some of that where it makes sense
- Will do a photography exhibit about CO photography in July, PSO season themed around these celebrations, will be requesting a grant to update heritage museum (Diana did not say anything in the meeting, but she’s happy to help with this if needed)

8. Timing for adding new people to committees: Suzanne

- Lindsey called attention to how adding new people to committees each time anyone showed up disrupted the work, so from now on, we’ll add new citizens to committees twice a year

9. Director’s Report: Carrie

- 2026 Budgets due this Friday. The Parker Arts budget is balancing a lot of different constituencies, rising costs, aging structures, so Carrie will see how it shakes out once Finance approves

10. Parker Arts Gala: Carrie

- October 4th at the Schoolhouse, Route 66 theme for next 3 years. 30/40s theme, speakeasy, silent auction, Any leads or ideas for bigger ticket items or experiences, tickets are \$150/person. People are confused about the food situation, given the price of the tickets, but part of the confusion derives from the fact that we’re still so far out from the event

11. Adjournment

- Annie moves to adjourn, Christine seconds, all in favor

Next Meeting: September 16, 2025 – Location PACE Conference room