



# **Cultural and Scientific Commission Meeting**

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm)  
PACE Center

## **MINUTES**

### **1. Call to Order**

- Terri called the meeting to order at 5:33pm

### **2. Roll Call**

- Commissioners: Allen Rosen, Michael Montoya, Nicholas Geraci, Robert Sanchez, Christine Kennedy, Terri Tillis, Bethany Wood
- Staff: Carrie Glassburn, Suzanne Velasquez
- Absent, excused: Katie Reid Milazzo, Tom O'Malley, Diana Norton-Stuckey
- Absent, unexcused: Annie Day

### **3. Approval of Minutes from July 15, 2025**

- Allen moved to approve, Michael seconded the motion which passed unanimously

#### **4. Ice Breaker**

- Terri led the group in an icebreaker “Something about Fall that you are looking forward to”

#### **5. Committee Updates**

- Parker Arts Lecture Series - Terri
  - o First lecture of the series last week “Wildlife in Your Backyard”.  
144 RSVPs, 120 attended, adults and a few children in attendance, good audience participation
  - o Upcoming lecture: Ghosts of Colorado
  - o The committee is currently planning next season

#### **6. History Committee – Bethany/Michael**

- Crime and Wine – 2 nights back-to-back, both sold out, inquisitive groups, participants had a lot of fun
- Great feedback from attendees
- Having the band out front generated a lot of public attention
- Debrief will occur next week
- The committee will be connecting with the DC chapter of the ‘Sisters in Crime’ organization to potentially create a “Who Done It” type of event for the future

#### **7. Honey Festival Committee – Annie and Tom were not in attendance to report**

- Michael noted that there were a lot of attendees and visitors to the Parker Arts/Commission booth
- Terri gave out stickers, the most common comment from attendees “We look forward to this event and come every year”
- Ran out of stickers by noon and we gave away 5000
- Bethany has a friend who is a vendor who commented that each year this is the best event that they participate in

#### **8. Science Committee – Robert**

- Science night is coming on November 9
- The committee is dividing up the roles that they play for the event
- Anticipating 2000-2500 people
- Looking at timed entries again
- Planning is underway for the Denver Metro Regional Science Fair which will be held in February at Auraria Campus– Science Committee members will serve as judges for this event

#### **9. Strategic Planning Committee – Carrie**

- Over the year, Keen has been meeting with Council, Staff, Commissioners, Public.
- Data has been compiled, and we are now working toward next steps in creating the plan
- Keen is presenting to Staff on October 15, PCSC and PAC on October 21 and Council following
- Progress is being made, final decisions will need to consider balancing revenue vs mission

#### **10. Public Art Commission – Carrie & Christine**

- Projects: Fieldhouse mural completed by American Academy students, Garage mural project “Portals of Parker” being shared with Town Council in October, fencing banner along the construction site on Mainstreet now installed

### **11.Reminder of important dates - Terri**

- Parker Proud, September 20
- Volunteers – Christine, Robert, Bethany
- Study Session, October 6
- Keen presentation, October 21

### **12.Filling vacancies of Diana, Christine, Michael – Suzanne**

- Timeline
  - o Sept 22- Oct 19 – Call for Commissioners open
  - o Oct 22-24 - Resume review committee Oct 22-24
    - Robert, Allen, Christine
  - o Oct 27 – coordinate interview slots
  - o November 4<sup>th</sup> Interviews

### **13.Incumbent commissioners seeking reappointment for a new term**

#### **(Bethany, Tom, Terri) and process for reappointment – Suzanne**

- Commissioners will need to review and update their application (resume/bio) and submit to Suzanne
- Commissioners will have an interview with Council members on Nov 4

### **14.Commissions Standard Operating Manual - Suzanne**

- Overview of specific sections
  - Vacancies and appointment process
  - Attendance Policy and Quorum Requirements
  - Selection of Officers
  - Orientation and Training
  - Meeting Responsibilities and Rules of Procedure
  - Recording and Approval of Minutes
  - Conflicts of Interest
  - Participation in Political Activity

#### **15.Strategic Planning Committee, Katie stepping down as Chair - Carrie**

- As Katie is taking on a leadership role with one of Parker Arts' production partners, it was determined that there may be a perceived conflict of interest with serving as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee
- Allen volunteered to serve as the Committee Chair

#### **16.Director's Report - Carrie**

- Opened our 2025-2026 presented season
- Waiting for a history grant, hoping to be awarded \$90,000 to re-do the Heritage Center

#### **17. Presentation to Town Council, October 6 Study Session - Carrie**

- Commissioners to give a presentation with updates of all the commission has accomplished in the year

## **18. Adjournment**

- Bethany adjourned the meeting at 7:09pm

**Next Meeting: November 18, 2025 – Location PACE Center**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Route 66 Fall Fundraiser, October 4
- Parker Arts Lecture: Ghosts of Colorado, October 8
- *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, October 24 - November 16
- Parker Science Night, November 9
- Parker Arts Lecture: The Future of Nuclear Power in Colorado, November 12
- *Shrek The Musical*, January 16 - February 8