



Cultural and Scientific Commission MINUTES

July 21, 2026
5:30pm - PACE Center

- I. Call to Order – Terri called the meeting to order at 5:31pm
- II. Roll Call
 - Commissioners: Terri Tilliss, Robert Sanchez, Scott Palmer, Nicholas Geraci, Annie Day, Allen Rosen, Irene Bonham, Anita Linker
 - Staff: Carrie Glassburn, Suzanne Velasquez
 - Absent excused: Bethany Wood, Katie Reid, Tom O'Malley
 - Citizen: Rita Stoffel
- III. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2026
 - Annie moved to approve
 - Robert seconded
 - Passed unanimously
- IV. Farmers Market Honey Festival, and Art in the Park volunteer assignments (Terri Tillis)
 - Reminder to honor volunteer commitments and to contact the person in charge in case of illness or emergency and unable to serve
 - Most volunteering signups will be coordinated with Syd, she sends out a spreadsheet
 - Honey Festival will be requesting help from all commissioners who are available to commit to a shift on August 2nd
- V. Committee Updates
 - Parker Arts Lecture Series - Terri
 - Terri handed out the flier with the 2026-2027 season of free lectures
 - The season opens on September 2nd with Colorado's Wild West presented by an amateur historian/comedian
 - Some highlights are: *The Power of Growing Older*, *The Devil I Knew – Unmasking a Serial Killer*, *Finding Humanity in an AI World*
 - Planning for the 2027-2028 season will begin in September. Let the committee know if you have ideas
 - History Committee – Robert
 - Garage mural – the committee has submitted their research and write-ups about the historical archetypes in the mural
 - Heritage Center – working with a historical interpretive consultant to revamp and create new exhibits
 - Honey Festival Committee – Annie
 - 40 vendors will be there

- Arrive early if you want to buy honey, it's possible but uncertain if the drought conditions have made it a bad year for honey
- We'll be using a new technology for counting attendance, the Town has recently been using Placer AI to count attendance at events. The platform counts cellphones and has an algorithm to account for people without a phone. Parker Arts has been testing it at the Discovery Park concerts in conjunction with the manual count and it's surprisingly accurate.
- Commission volunteers are needed; shift times are 7:45-10:45 & 10:30-1:15
- Science Committee – Allen
 - Planning for Science Night is underway. The event is on November 8th
 - Reimagining the event layout
 - Discussions of operating the timed entry like a show with ticket times
 - Anticipating 2,000 attendees
 - Looking to secure vendors with fun and interactive activities and helping traditionally non-interactive vendors in creating a more hands-on experience for attendees
- Strategic Planning Committee - Carrie
 - The committee currently isn't as active in the plan as staff is working on action plans for each department – Carrie gave examples of some of the initiatives the Cultural staff has already put in place or are testing

VI. Director's Report – Carrie

- Season Announcement
 - 509 attendees
 - Total on-site ticket sales: \$137,757.40
 - Total on-site membership renewals: \$11,250
 - Total on-site donations: \$2,262
 - Total on-site merchandise: \$1,100
 - Grand Total On-Site Sales: \$152,760.40
 - 2025 Total on-site sales: \$134,314.50
 - Sales increase in 2026: \$18,445.90
 - Top Selling Shows:
 - A Classic Parker Holiday: \$9,100
 - Frost - A Cirque Holiday Extravaganza: \$8,754.40
 - Neil Berg's 50 Years of Rock N' Roll Part 2: \$8,722
- 2027 Budget – Carrie
 - 2027 will be a tight year with no new CIP projects taking place. We will carefully be watching expenses and revenue and working on our 10-year Long Range Budget Plan
- Fundraising for Public Art - Carrie
 - The Public Art Commission asked to fundraise for a new utility box wrap
 - A few PAC commissioners had a table at the Season Announcement Party and raised \$2,262.00

VII. SCFD Reauthorization Community Workshops - Suzanne

- SCFD is beginning to host Community Workshops to educate interested parties on the reauthorization. Commissioners are invited to attend. Registration link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8H5XS3W>
 - Breakout session discussions:
 - SCFD eligibility, formula & models
 - SCFD application process
 - Optimizing SCFD operations
 - Balancing equity & development
 - Collaboration with organizations & communities
 - All breakout sessions will include a discussion on funding
 - Additional future sessions & opportunities will continue to be offered
- Upcoming sessions 7/22, 8/3, 8/4. Additional sessions will continue to be offered over the coming year. In person and virtual sessions available
- The commission may consider scheduling a trip to the SCFD office to learn more

VIII. Public Art Commission – Carrie

- Viewed some photos and renderings of recent and upcoming murals and installations

IX. Adjournment - Terri adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm

- Following the meeting, Christine Kennedy led the group on a walking tour of the Downtown Public Art

Next Meeting: September 15th – Location: PACE Center