

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO
Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
May 25, 2021

I. OPENING OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Call to Order

The May 25, 2021 meeting of Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:10 pm. The meeting was conducted via electronic participation due to the presence of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Colorado and subsequent Safer at Home Executive Order from Governor Jared Polis.

Roll Call

Those in attendance from Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission were Commission Chair Lauren Spath Luhring, Committee Vice Chair Shay Wescott, and Committee Members Eve Orenstein, Heidi Mallon, Kyle Gutierrez, Marissa Aguilera Saints.

City participants included Councilor Tim Barnes, and Board Liaison Susan Booker.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Marissa Aguilera Saints and seconded by Heidi Mallon to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting of Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission]. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC INPUT

1. There was no public input

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

A. NEA CARES Grant Update

- a. Board Liaison Susan Booker presented this item
- b. Everyone should have received checks by now. We are awaiting final report form which has been sent off to NEA. Once approved, the final report will be posted on City website. Process should be pretty straight forward for most everyone involved. We've received many positive comments from grantees.

B. Arts in Education & Arts in Community Liaisons

- a. Lauren presented this item
- b. Liaisons have been assigned. LCAC members will reach out to thank grantees, answer any questions, stay up to date on projects.
- c. There will not a be a reception (virtual or in person) for these grants
- d. Upcoming grantee projects include Jeff and Paige concert coming up on June 12 in the Nature Kids Park behind Sanchez and Opera on Tap projection on May 27 at Arts Hub

C. Arts Outside Dates and Programs

- a. Board Liaison Susan Booker presented this item
- b. First event took place at Waneka with 20 participants. Everyone was interested in See and Respond as well as Melanie Yazzie exhibit

- c. Next dates: Karen Douglas poetry workshop June 27 @ 9 AM on Cold Creek Trail head & Photography workshop on July 22nd @ 6:30 PM at Coal Creek Trail. Still waiting on final details for second workshop as well as August and September events.
- D. City Poet Laureate
- a. Board Liaison Susan Booker presented this item
 - b. Lafayette has Poet Laureates in the past (1930s-1940s) but this program has not been active in Lafayette for a long time
 - c. It seems to make the most sense to have LCAC support this initiative to bring to city council
 - d. Commissioners discussed the logistics of such a program and nuances of state vs city Poet Laureates
 - e. Can use Loveland as an example of city to implement this program
 - f. Next step would be to identify leads for this project to do more research, draft timeline, and present to city council, etc. Councilor Barnes expressed interest in moving this project forward to city council and Heidi Mallon expressed interest in taking the lead to create an initial proposal.
- E. Review Interview process and applicants
- a. Commission Chair Lauren Spath Luhring presented this item
 - b. Commissioners discussed the applicants and interview process
 - c. Will create schedule of interviews in 2 hour long sessions with separate special session to deliberate
 - d. Commissioners will create short bios to share with applicants before hand rather than round robin introductions and share main points of conversation, broad strokes of the questions in order to help interviewees prepare.
- F. Director's Report
- a. Board Liaison Susan Booker presented this item
 - b. June LCAC meeting will move to June 29
 - c. Working on 2022 budget, not anticipating budget increases due to exceptional nature of past year except for staffing increases
 - d. Working on new lease agreements with city owned buildings (Mary Miller Theater, Miner's Museum, WOW Museum, etc.).
 - e. Potential for new arts programming to run out of the Starkey building being purchased by the city
- G. City Councilor's Report
- a. Councilor Tim Barnes presented this item
 - b. In-person meetings will be returning with council having first in-person meeting in July. Public comment will remain virtual. All other commissions and boards will follow.
 - c. Senate bill 21 - 60 passed in CO. Provides dedicated funding for sustainable transportation through federal funding and fees. This significantly impacts multi modal transportation plan with new, significant funding.
 - d. Development and affordable housing workshop was held last night (May 24, 2021). More than 70% increase cost in water which developers are responsible for.
 - e. Potential ballot initiatives to improve upon health and human services (fire department and police specifically) - unsure residents will support adding more

police positions even if it allows for more de-escalation, residents will be polled to see if this should be added to the ballot including explanation of funding sources.

- f. Council retreat will take place June 5 at the Library
- H. PAC Liaison's Report
 - a. Marissa Aguilera Saints presented this item
 - b. PAC met on May 12, 2021
 - c. PAC grant subcommittee re-convened to review the grants for murals sent over by LCAC and passed 3 of these grants with 1 more needing additional conversation
 - d. PAC budget was approved with increased funding for the additional grants
 - e. See & Respond program now open
 - f. Art on the Street new sculptures installed with newest piece on Emma St and Public Road
- I. ARTS! Lafayette Liaison's Report
 - a. Eve Orenstein presented this item
 - b. Art Auction sold at least 89-90 pieces and may have sold all pieces raising over \$5600
 - c. No Art Night Out for foreseeable future; but similar celebration may occur in early Fall depending on public health
 - d. Looking for 2 - 3 people to join ARTS! Lafayette board
- J. Commissioner's Reports
 - a. Commissioners discussed being in favor of in person meetings
 - b. Picnic on the Plaza starts June 3 continuing every Thursday until the middle of August including Shanna in a Dress, Opera on Tap and other musical acts
 - c. June 10 - ACRD supporting Out Boulder Drive-In movie at Bob Burger Rec Center parking lot. This will be a free event. Film is "P.S. Burn This Letter Please"
 - d. Moving forward with August - September (date TBD) Art Market Partnership for Lafayette City Stroll as a "welcome back" to Public Road with artists, music, booths
 - e. Melanie Yazzie exhibit on view at The Collective through the end of June
 - f. Featured artist videos continue to be available online and are highly recommended
- K. Items for June 29th, 2021 Agenda (change of meeting date)
 - a. Lauren and Booker will plan the next agenda.

V. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

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ATTEST

Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission
Lauren Spath Luhring, Chair

Susan Booker, Staff Liaison

The minutes herein are a summary of the business conducted at this meeting, not a verbatim transcript. Only the actions taken and the text appearing in quotation marks are verbatim.