

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY OF LAFAYETTE, COLORADO
Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
April 26, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Lauren Spath Luhring at The Collective Community Arts Center.

Those in attendance from the Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission were Chair Lauren Spath Luhring;, Ellen Eherenman, Ellen Laverdure, Bryn Pennington, and Kyle Gutierrez.

LCAC members Danielle Mann-Bellamy, Vice Chair Shay Wescott, and LCAC/PAC Liaison Marissa Aguilera Saints were not in attendance.

City participants included ACRD Director Susan Booker and City Council Liaison Nicole Samson.

Motion to approve minutes

Ellen Eherenman made a motion, seconded by Bryn Pennington, to approve the minutes from the March 29, 2022 meeting

Bryn Pennington made a motion, seconded by Ellen Eherenman, to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting

Public Input

There was no public input.

Update on Applicants and Appointments

Amanda Saleh was invited to join the LCAC but she decided that it was not realistic for her to take on this role at this time.

Update on Poet Laureate Program

ZBass Speaks, also known as Z, was chosen to be the Lafayette Poet Laureate by the Selection Committee. Shay Wescott will be the Liaison for this program and work with Z and the ACRD Department to ensure that the program requirements are met. ZBass Speaks was announced as the Poet Laureate at the April 19 City Council meeting where he presented an original poem Mi Tierra de Colorado.

Arts in Education Grants

There were 20 applications to review. Each Lafayette school was represented. Ellen Eherenman, Bryn Pennington, and Melissa Aguilera Saints reviewed the grants and all rated high enough to receive the funding requested. Several grantees will be asked to provide additional information and Bryn will follow up with them. There were several new grant applicants this year. There were more grants than in previous years serving differently-abled students. Ellen Eherenman and Lauren Spath Luhring attended several teacher staff meetings to share information about the grants and this was likely the reason that there were applicants from new people. A list of the grant recipients and award amounts is attached to the minutes.

Ellen Laverdure made a motion, seconded by Kyle Gutierrez, to approve the recommendations of the grant review committee for the Arts in Education grants. Booker will work on logistics for notifying teachers now, and following up with them in the fall.

Arts Outside

Ellen Eherenman and Danielle Mann-Bellamy are taking the lead and working with Booker to get Summer 2022 Arts Outside Events organized so staff involvement and can be minimal. The team met and developed a list of events to be considered. The group will have a follow up meeting with Martin Ogle to develop 2-3 events to be held July - October. Some of the events being considered include a July painting watercolors outside, an August or September poetry program with Larry Laverdure, and an Indigenous People's Day event in October.

Director's Report

Booker informed the group that plans are still evolving for how her position will be handled moving forward. She hopes to have more details for the next LCAC meeting.

The first Art Night Out in two years is coming up on May 13 with the Chicano Heat Band, 5-6 food trucks, more art booths, It will be a great kickoff to the summer. Booker reminded LCAC members that volunteering at ANO is expected since LCAC is a beneficiary of the funds raised. Rachel Hanson will reach out with information about volunteering, but it's fine to contact her in the meantime.

Check the City website for details about other upcoming Collective Programs and Exhibits include:

- Rose Lueras: Racism & Discrimination at Lafayette Swimming Pool
- The Conversation Series, Workshop Series, Culminating performance in June
- Chicanas: Nurtures & Warriors.
- Japanese Arts Network: Ishin Denshin (communications of the heart).
- Waneka Lake Call for Artists is now open!
- Picnic on the Plaza starts June 2nd, Thursdays at noon at Festival Plaza
- Pride on the Plaza (June 9th) Noon- 1:30pm, 1:30-3pm. Drag show Storytime, Booths for outreach, human powered hamster wheel snow cone machine.

Booker gave an update on the Strategic Planning process. A new call for proposals will be issued to try to get more people to submit proposals.

Public Art Committee

New Art on the Street sculptures are on display with a few more installations coming soon. Most pieces are larger scale than other years making for a more dramatic display of art.

A visitor to the Rose Lueras exhibit shared that he spent time in Lafayette as a child and that a photograph of his grandparents is in the exhibit and shown as a part of the Through Our Eyes Mural. were and the mural, the gentleman donated \$10,000 to help restore the mural and the exhibit. Provided expertise for prep of the material/products to restore the mural.

ARTS!Lafayette

Liaison Bryn Pennington informed LCAC that ARTS!Lafayette held a retreat on April 9th: Board Retreat. A consultant helped them review and develop their vision statement/mission statement,

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They decided to use “**Making ^ Arts Possible**” It also works as MMAP which provides some other possibilities for word play in marketing.

Bryn reminded the group about the upcoming LEAF (Lafayette Electronic Arts Festival) Events at the Arts Hub. The nationally known group Negative Land will be performing. This is an exciting accomplishment for LEAF and will bring in people from around the metro area.

City Council Liaison

Councilor Nicole Samson talked with the group about the upcoming Housing Survey due June 7th. She told the group about the City Council discussion about alternates vs. full voting members. At this time things are not going to change, but it is an ongoing conversation. City Council is also exploring if there are things that might be incentives to offer to increase community participation as board members. At this time they are also leaving the Citizenship & Registered to Vote requirements for board members.

Commissioner and Council Reports

- Ellen Eherenman mentioned that a gallery in Longmont is featuring Lafayette artist Luca Loeffler’s work including “The Robotic Thinker” on display.
- Hopscotch Scholarship (LURA): Call for Artists, QR Code donated to a scholarship fund. Looking for High School aged graduates who are pursuing art may apply.
- Ellen Laverdure suggested that we find ways to invite the invite the community to engage with LCAC. She will follow up with Marissa to see if there is PAC interest in sharing a booth at ANO.
- SAVE THE DATE!!!! May 25th Booker’s Retirement Party @ Indian Peaks Golf Club. 4-7pm (tentative).

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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ATTEST

Lafayette Cultural Arts Commission
Lauren Spath Luhning, Chair

Susan Booker, ACRD Director & 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.

