

# MINUTES

## City of Aurora

### CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Aurora Central Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

14949 E. Alameda Parkway

Aurora, CO 80012

Commissioners Present	Dionne Williams, Chair; Auset Maryam Ali, Kimberly Bauer; donnie l. betts; Amy Cheslin;; Douglas Meares; Mary Mollicone; Ree Varcoe
Commissioners Absent	Maureen Maycheco; Diane Rothers; Sethe Tucker
Staff	Gary Margolis; Midori Clark
Guests	

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:35 p.m.

#### Action Item: Consideration of Agenda for July 10, 2019

A motion was made by Mary Mollicone and seconded by donnie l. betts to approve the Agenda for July 10, 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Reports from Officers

Chair Williams welcomed Midori Clark, the new director of the Library and Cultural Services Department. Commissioners introduced themselves. Director Clark thanked the commissioners for the warm welcome and expressed her sincere desire to help them accomplish their goals. Director Clark talked growing up in Greeley and about work she did in Pueblo to help that municipality earn state designation for its arts district and other arts-related projects such as Arts Bash, First Friday Art Walk, and art exhibits in libraries. About the Library and Cultural Services Department, Director Clark said, "This department has the most opportunity to impact people in the city of Aurora."

#### Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for June 12, 2019

A motion was made by Amy Cheslin and seconded by Mary Mollicone to approve the Minutes of the June 12, 2019 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Volunteer Hours Forms

Volunteer hours forms were collected.

#### Action Item: Consideration of FY 2020 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Program Application and Guidelines

Commissioners discussed the following items related to the draft prepared by staff based upon the discussions from the August 2 retreat:

- Whether it was better to integrate the guidelines into the application (one document) or keep them separate (two documents). The consensus was the two documents option was preferable.
- Commissioners asked if the technology were available to allow applicants to see “help” texts, for example, as pop-ups as they were working on the application. Staff will investigate.
- Commissioners liked the fact that the application was only 3 pages long.
- Commissioners asked for a map of the arts district to be included in the Guidelines document.

A motion was made by Douglas Meares and seconded by betts to approve the application and guidelines as revised.

#### Reports


- A. Art in Public Places – Amy Cheslin – report is attached.
- B. Aurora Fox Arts Center – Douglas Mears  
Meares reported that the Little Foxes production of “Cinderella Eats Rice and Beans” closes this week. The board did not have a meeting in July.
- C. Aurora Chamber of Commerce – Business Committee for the Arts – No July meeting.

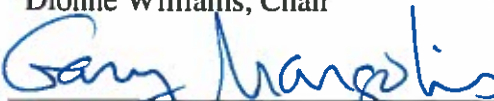
#### Reports from Commissioners

- A. Commissioner Ali reported that Visions Performing Arts students will be performing an adaptation of “The Wiz” on July 20 at the People’s Building and on July 21 at the Cleo Parker Robinson Theater.
- B. Commissioner Mollicone reported that the Soul School’s performance (featuring Commissioner Tucker) at the June 20 Aurora Rhythms con cert was “fabulous!”

Public Comments – There were none.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:30 p.m.

  
Dionne Williams, Chair

  
Gary Margolis, Staff

*The purpose of the Cultural Affairs Commission is to provide ongoing systematic planning for the development of Cultural Arts activities within the city of Aurora; to implement the Cultural Arts Plan; to assist the many community cultural groups by providing needed overall resources; to stimulate community involvement; and to enhance current cultural activities.*