



Cultural and Scientific Commission
MINUTES

Bethany Wood
11-17-24

Tuesday, September 17, 2024
5:30pm - PACE Center

- I. Call to Order 5:32PM by Carrie and Bethany
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Commissioners present: Bethany Wood, Diana Norton, Tabitha LaRose Burroughs, Christine Kennedy, Michael Montoya, Katie Milazzo
 - b. Staff: Carrie Glassburn, Suzanne Velasquez, Laura Nell Borden
 - c. Excused absent: Phil Kramer, Tom O'Malley, Robert Sanchez, Annie Day, Allen Rosen, Terri Tillis
- III. Approval of Minutes from July 16, 2024
 - a. Moved by Tabitha, Seconded by Katie, Unanimous Approval
- IV. Staff Spotlight – Laura Nell Borden, Front of House Coordinator
 - a. Does everything customer-facing, helps build out ticketing a show – seating maps, pricing strategies
 - b. Oversees 12-15 part-time bartenders
 - c. Asked: "What can commissioners do to support you?"
 - i. Fulfill the role of community ambassadors and help public understand limitations to what Parker Arts can do (esp. as regards concessions)
 1. Relevant info: Town Council and the Mayor hold the liquor license for Parker Arts since it's a part of the town government
- V. Public Art Committee changing to a Commission
 - a. Carrie presented this proposal, commissioners were in favor, especially given the sheer quantity of money that the Public Art Committee oversees. One question raised regarding how commissions will coexist in the future once the current commissioners who overlap leave.
- VI. Review of terms ending
 - a. Terms ending in December: Annie, Phil, Katie, Robert, Tabitha, and Allen
 - b. Please tell Bethany by November 1 if you wish to renew your term or not
 - c. Carrie would like to know how many openings there will be by the November meeting so she can prepare a new call for commissioners
- VII. Report on Town Hall Meeting
 - a. Went well
- VIII. Committee Updates
 - a. Parker Arts Lecture Series – Robert (Carrie)

- i. Most recent lecture on AI in medicine – 167 signed up, 80 showed
 - b. Art in Public Places – Carrie
 - i. Town purchase of Aureus Ruber – Bethany moved, Michael seconded, Unanimous Approval
 - ii. Carrie will ask for a vote via email from the absent commissioners since we did not have a quorum
 - c. History Committee – Bethany
 - i. Crime and wine went well, lot of return attendees, there will be another one in May
 - ii. Discussed possibility of updating town website with some more mid-late 20th century historical information
 - d. Honey Festival Committee – Tabitha
 - i. 3700+ attendees
 - ii. Will meet again in January to make some small changes for 2025 event
 - e. Science Committee – Suzanne
 - i. Science night on 11/3, Goal – 30 vendors,
 - ii. Also discussing creating an Outreach Science Kit for Syd’s Aging Adults Outreach program
 - iii. Committee requested that commissioners attend this event to support it and see the work that has been planned
 - f. Strategic Planning Committee – Katie
 - i. 14 RFPs have been narrowed down to 3, will interview top 3 companies on Friday 9/20
- IX. Director’s Report – Carrie Glassburn
- a. Discussed upcoming town budget meeting on Oct 4th and town funding levels for Parker Arts (dropping back down to \$2MM from pandemic high of \$2.8MM)
- XII. New Business
- a. Diana raised ideas for a “Disco Party at Disco Park” and “Shakespeare in the Parker Arts”
- X. Adjournment
- a. 6:50PM Diana moved, Michael seconded, Unanimous Approval

Upcoming Dates:

10/23/2024, Town Council/Commission Dinner 5:30 pm – Black + Haus Tavern

11/19/2024, PCSC Meeting November 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm – **Schoolhouse Meeting Room**