

MINUTES

City of Aurora

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Wednesday, January 13, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 146 124 5945

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Commissioners Present	Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, Tone Ellis de Jesus. donnie l. betts, Maureen Maycheco,
Commissioners Absent	Sethe Tucker, Ree Varcoe
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

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

Action Item: Approve Agenda for January 13, 2021

A motion was made by donnie and seconded by Mary to approve the Agenda for January 13, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for December 9, 2020

A motion was made by Auset and seconded by Tone to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Update

Staff shared with the Commission that all 14 applicants had confirmed their scheduled appointment time for virtual presentations. These presentations are scheduled to take place on Saturday, January 23, 2021 by way of WebEx. All Commissioners confirmed they have received the applications as well as all score sheets. At this time no further preparation is needed.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:10 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Wednesday, January 23, 2021, 9:00am

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Meeting Number: 146 407 5940

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Commissioners Present	Mary Mollicone, Tone Ellis de Jesus, donnie l. betts, Maureen Maycheco,
Commissioners Absent	Auset Maryam Ali (Recused), Sethe Tucker
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales, Phil Nachbar

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:05 a.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for January 23, 2021

A motion was made by Tone and seconded by Maureen to approve the Agenda for January 23, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Virtual Presentations

2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Applicants met with the Aurora Cultural Affairs Commission as well as staff representatives from the City of Aurora. The following schedule was followed. It is also noted that Eye-Yoob and Aurora Symphony Orchestra did not attend their scheduled virtual presentation.

- 9:20 - 9:30 CAC Preparation & Set-up
- 9:30 - 9:40 Victory Project-based Academics & Competency (VPAC)
- 9:45 - 9:55 Eye-Yoob
- 10:00 - 10:10 Aurora Cultural Arts District (ACAD)
- 10:15 - 10:25 5280 Artist Co-Op
- 10:30 - 10:40 Roshni
- 10:45 - 10:55 Vintage Theatre
- 11:00 - 11:30 BREAK
- 11:30 - 11:40 Aurora Symphony Orchestra
- 11:45 - 11:55 Theatre Esprit Asia dba Insight Colab Theatre
- 12:00 - 12:10 RISE 5280
- 12:15 - 12:25 Athena Project
- 12:30 - 12:40 Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA)
- 12:40 - 12:50 Nueva Escuela de Musica
- 12:50 - 1:00 KETO-FM

1:00 - 1:10 Inside the Orchestra
1:10 - 1:30 Wrap Up

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1:32 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Commissioners Present	Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, Tone Ellis de Jesus. donnie l. betts, Maureen Maycheco, Sethe Tucker
Commissioners Absent	Ree Varcoe
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:33 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for February 10, 2021

A motion was made by donnie and seconded by Sethe to approve the Agenda for February 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for January 13, 2021

A motion was made by Tone and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for January 23, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Maureen to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Funding Distribution Review & Disbursement Approval

Staff shared with the Commission three potential funding methodologies. These methodologies covered options that included funding all applicants based on their overall score from panelists, funding all applicants who received over a 70% score, and funding all applicants who received a 80% or higher score. After reviewing all options presented and reviewing the stated mission to fund as many applicants as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic a motion was made by Maureen to approve the funding method that awarded funds to all applicants who scored a 70% or higher. This motion was seconded by Sethe. The motion passed unanimously. The approved funding methodology is attached. Please see Attachment A.

Action Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Funding Timeline

Staff shared with the Commission that in an effort to support the Commission’s goal of funding as many applicants as quickly as possible, all grants will be disbursed in a one-time payment. Staff will begin the process of sending out the Award Letters and Contract Agreements. When both the Contract Agreement and required insurance documents have been submitted for a grantee the process to begin disbursement will be underway. All applicants will receive their funding within 30 days of the documents being submitted. It was

determined this timeline meets the goals of the Commission and no further action is needed from Commission members at this time.

Action Item: Officer Elections

Donne moved to nominate Sethe to continue as the Chair and Auset to continue as the Vice Chair. Mary seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Guiding Document Update

Sethe, Tone, and Maureen will continue working on the document prior to the March meeting. All Commissioners are asked to submit a short bio that can be included in the guiding document.

Discussion Item: Vacant Commission Positions

Matt McCormick has been nominated from the Fox Arts Center Board to be a liaison for the Commission. With this appointment there are currently two vacant positions on the Cultural Affairs Board.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time.

Art in Public Places – The Dawn Fountain project is underway on the Aurora Municipal Campus. The 9-mile subcommittee has been convened. donnie will be serving as a member of the public for this committee.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – Rehearsals have started for Pavilion which opens next month. The virtual gala which is scheduled for April 9, 10, and 11 is being prepared.

Art & Business Connection – The CBCA luncheon will be taking place on March 9.

Staff Report – Library and Cultural Services staff have continued to meet weekly to discuss ongoing COVID operating procedures. Library employees will soon be moved to phase 1.B.3 in the vaccine schedule. Some in-person Cultural Services programming such as dance classes and a selection of art classes have started taking place. Midori also shared that the MLK Jr. Library building is undergoing a space study while Central Library and Aurora History Museum have already undergone this progress. This process will focus largely on the second floor at the MLK Jr. Library as well as the café area.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:01 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Attachment A

Applicant	Raw Score	Approved Score	Max Award	Max Award x Approved Score	Adjusted award	Rounded (manually calculated)
DAVA	96%	96%	\$ 25,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 11,080	\$ 11,000
Vintage	91%	91%	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,750	\$ 10,503	\$ 10,500
5280 Artist Co-Cop	90%	90%	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 10,388	\$ 10,500
Roshni	90%	90%	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 10,388	\$ 10,500
Inside the Orchestra	89%	89%	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,250	\$ 10,272	\$ 10,500
VPAC	87%	87%	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,750	\$ 10,042	\$ 10,000
ACAD	85%	85%	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,250	\$ 9,811	\$ 10,000
Rise 5280	84%	84%	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,000	\$ 9,695	\$ 9,500
Theatre Esprit DBA Insight Colab	79%	79%	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,750	\$ 9,118	\$ 9,000
Athena Project	76%	76%	\$ 25,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 8,772	\$ 9,000
KETO-FM	74%	74%	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,500	\$ 8,541	\$ 8,500
Nueva Escuela de Musica	72%	72%	\$ 25,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 8,310	\$ 8,000
Aurora Symphony	70%	70%	\$ 25,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 8,079	\$ 8,000
Eye-Yoob	37%	0%	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ -	
	80%			\$ 270,750	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Total Grant Amount				\$ 125,000		
				46%		

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Commissioners Present	Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, Tone Ellis de Jesus. Maureen Maycheco, Sethe Tucker, Ree Varcoe
Commissioners Absent	donnie l. betts
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:39 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for March 10, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Tone to approve the Agenda for March 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for February 10, 2021

A motion was made by Maureen and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Guiding Document Update

Tone and Maureen shared a draft copy of the Cultural Affairs Commission Internal Guiding Documents. This document is intended to be a tool used to help guide the Commission as well as help onboard new members. This document is drafted in such a way as to support the Cultural Arts Plan and provide the Commission with clear a clear mission and goals. Discussion took place regarding additional edits to the document and the need to continue to review the document and the Cultural Arts plan on a regular basis.

Discussion Item: Sub-Committee Update

This item will be moved to the April agenda.

Discussion Item: Website Update

This item will be moved to a future agenda.

Discussion Item: Bylaws Review

This item will be moved to a future agenda. Staff will send existing bylaws to Commission members prior to the bylaw review.

Reports:

Chair – A request has been made by a Northwest Aurora Arts Grant applicant to get more information on the

funding decisions that were made and the criteria used. Sethe will reach out to this applicant prior to the next Commission meeting.

Art in Public Places – An artist has been selected for the 9-mile bridge project.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – The Fox opened the Pavilion to a live audience with great reviews. The Fundraising Gala will be taking place April 9, 10, and 11.

Art & Business Connection – The Colfax Canvas Mural Event is in the planning stages. This event will take place September 3 – 5. The art selection process is starting up -and local businesses have been receptive to the event.

Staff Report – None at this time

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:15 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Meeting Number: 146 124 5945

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Commissioners Present	Mary Mollicone, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Sethe Tucker, Ree Varcoe, Matt McCormick
Commissioners Absent	donnie l. betts, Ree Varcoe, Auset Maryam Ali, Maureen Maycheco
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales, Wayne Sommer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:34 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for April 14, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Sethe to approve the Agenda for April 14, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for March 10, 2021

A motion was made by Sethe and seconded by Mary to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Aurora Strategic Plan Presentation with Wayne Sommer

Wayne Sommer shared details from the City of Aurora Strategic Plan process. This included the timeline for the strategic plan which started in very early 2020 with staff meetings and staff surveys. Each department in the city is also represented in the planning process by a Department Champion who works to ensure the needs of each department are met accurately. At this time the Key Performance Indicators are being determined which will allow internal and external stakeholders to monitor the progress from each department towards meeting pre-determined goals and performance measures. The fully completed strategic plan is expected to be implemented with early results available near the end of 2021.

Action Item: Art in Public Places Iliff Light Rail Station Replacement Art Concept

Roberta Bloom shared information regarding the Replacement Art Concept that has been proposed for artwork at the Iliff Station. Gordon Huether presented revised drawings to the art selection panel on March 23. Three triangular forms made of stainless steel, stainless steel mesh, and dichroic glass will be arranged in a composition inspired by the mountain scape. It will be at least 20' high and will utilize the existing foundation and lighting. Following approval, the piece would be completed in approximately one year.

This proposal has been approved unanimously by an art selection panel comprised of Council Member Juan Marcano, AIPP Commissioners Brittany Pirtle, Vanessa Frazier, and Amy Cheslin, Community representatives

Jeff Moser, Dwight Taylor, and Elli Lobach. Also serving were Tracy Young with Parks and Rec., artist David Farquharson, and RTD Representative Christina Zazueta.

Sethe moved to approve the Iliff Station Replacement Art Concept as presented by Roberta Bloom. Mary seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Guiding Document Update

There is no new update at this time. Tone will continue to work with the existing document and will review it in light of the information shared by Wayne Sommer to ensure the Cultural Affairs Commission is in line with the City of Aurora Strategic Plan process.

Discussion Item: Sub-Committee Update

This item will be moved to a future meeting date.

Discussion Item: Recognition Efforts for Tina with the MLK Café

Midori shared that Tina will no longer be operating a café out of the MLK Jr. Library. This café has been a fixture in the community for a number of years and a suggestion was made to have the Library Board and the Cultural Affairs Commission present Tina with a token of appreciation for her work in the community. After discussing the options, the Commission unanimously agreed they would like to work towards presenting Tina with an appreciation effort in the form of a ceramic piece. Staff will begin to research what options are available to do this.

Discussion Item: Annual Calendar Consideration

Staff presented a draft for items to be considered on the agenda for each meeting throughout the year. All commissioners will be asked to take a look at this proposed plan prior to the next meeting to have any adjustments made at that time.

Reports:

Chair – A request has been made by a Northwest Aurora Arts Grant applicant to get more information on the funding decisions that were made and the criteria used. Sethe will reach out to this applicant prior to the next Commission meeting.

Art in Public Places – A Chalks and Vines event is taking place May 15 and 16 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. Please contact Amy Cheslin if you are interested in volunteering for the event.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – The Fox successfully held their annual gala on April 9, 10, and 11 in a fully virtual setting. Queens Girl and the World will be opening on Friday, April 16.

Art & Business Connection – None at this time.

Staff Report – None at this time

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:11 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 187 921 0835

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Commissioners Present	Auset Maryam Ali, Maureen Maycheco, donnie Betts, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Matt McCormick, Sethe Tucker,
Commissioners Absent	Ree Varcoe, Mary Mollicone
Staff	Alia Gonzales
Guests	Aaron Vega

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:36 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for May 19, 2021

A motion was made by Maureen and seconded by donnie to approve the Agenda for May 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for April 14, 2021

A motion was made by Sethe and seconded by Maureen to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Aaron Vega with the Northwest Aurora Community Forum

Aaron Vega with the People’s Building presented to the Commission Aaron provided a history of the People’s building and how it became an event space used by performance artists and programming within ACAD. COVID led to the building offering live streaming services. Throughout COVID a large number of business owners and community leaders have begun coming together to address systemic social justice concerns that impact the area. This group has been known as BACA, the Business, Arts, and Culture Alliance. In addition to BACA, the APD has been completing foot patrols in the area which has proven to be successful in deterring crimes as well as responding almost immediately to concerns as they take place. It is also noted that the Library and Cultural Services Department has been represented in these meetings and have a vested interest in the success of these efforts.

Discussion Item: SCFD Public Consideration Update

Staff shared an update regarding discussion that took place at a recent FSIR meeting. A citizen-led discussion has taken place with city leadership, City Council, and the public regarding the city of Aurora and SCFD funding. Additional details can be found on the City of Aurora website under the [Federal, State, and Intergovernmental Relations Minutes](#) area.

Discussion Item: Guiding Document Update

Tone is continuing to update the guiding document and will work to ensure all bios are updated with updated information.

Discussion Item: Sub-Committee Update

Auset is continuing to connect with other Commission members to discuss potential sub-committees that will be dedicated to different goals that support the goals and guiding document for the Cultural Affairs Commission.

Discussion Item: Recognition Efforts for Tina with the MLK Café

Staff showed the Commission a completed ceramic mug crafted by Jason Bade with the Bicentennial Arts Center. The mug shown will not be the exact item used to celebrate Tina, but a similar item will be used for this celebration.

Discussion Item: Annual Calendar Consideration

The calendar has been reviewed by all Commission members. This item did not require a vote but will be used to guide staff when creating agendas throughout the year.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time

Art in Public Places – None at this time.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – None at this time.

Art & Business Connection – ABC met and discussed how they have adapted during COVID and how the pandemic will continue to impact how services are provided and what opportunities may arrive from these changes.

Staff Report – None at this time

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:30p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Wednesday, June 9, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 187 806 3793

Password: LCS-CAC

Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, donnie betts, Mary Mollicone, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Ree Varcoe, Auset Maryam Ali
Commissioners Absent	Maureen Maycheco
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:36 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for June 9, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Sethe to approve the Agenda for June 9, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for May 19, 2021

A motion was made by Sethe and seconded by Tone to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Annual Retreat Planning

Commissioners shared a desire to host the annual retreat in person at the Central Library. Midori will look into this to determine if this is something that can take place with the current COVID-19 restrictions. Staff will also review the calendar and present the Commission with multiple options for scheduling. In 2020 the retreat was held as a split-session event over the course of two weeks. This will be considered for the 2021 event as well.

Discussion Item: Recognition Efforts for Tina at the MLK Café Update

No updates at this time. Midori will continue to look into this.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time

Art in Public Places – Art in Public Places is using Engage Aurora to gather feedback from the community for projects such as the 9-Mile Bridge. This tool has proven to be effective in soliciting feedback in an eco-friendly way. A number of art projects are currently moving forward including the Light of Dawn, Iliff Station Replacement Art, and the 9-Mile Bridge. Art displays at MLK Jr. Library and Tallyn’s Reach Library are in process to come back to the buildings.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – Wonderland opened on Friday and tickets have been selling well. The Fox is currently requesting that all non-vaccinated individuals continue to wear masks. Little Foxes is starting soon and Season 27 is planned and will be released soon.

Art & Business Connection – Meredith Balder, Director for the Colorado Business for the Arts presented regarding statistics related to arts organizations and the impact of COVID-19.

Staff Report – Midori shared that she is part of a group of managers and directors in the metro area who manage arts and cultural organizations. Meredith Balder also presented to this group regarding advocacy training for boards and commissions designed to support arts and cultural organizations. Midori also shared that a Community Relations and Development position is being created in the department. When this person comes on board they will be the liaison for this Commission as well as responsible for the Aurora Creates production and all digital communication for the Cultural Services group.

Comments from Commissioners – Ree shared that she will be stepping down from the Commission after the July meeting. Auset will be starting school soon but will be continuing with the Commission.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:49.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Saturday, August 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 146-357-2448

Password: CAC-Retreat

Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, donnie betts, Matt McCormick
Commissioners Absent	Maureen Maycheco, Ree Varcoe
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:10a.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for August 14, 2021

A motion was made by donnie and seconded by Sethe to approve the Agenda for August 14, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant

The Commission reviewed the Guidelines and Application documents related to the Northwest Aurora Arts Grant program. Both documents were updated to reflect a change from COVID Relief grants to COVID Recovery grants to continue assisting the arts community in moving forward during the pandemic. Additionally, the decision was made to continue having one type of grant for this grant cycle rather than returning to a separation of project and operations grants. Staff will work to ensure all documents reflect the updated language regarding the grant related documents.

The Northwest Aurora Arts Grant will be prepared and ready to release to the public in early to mid-October with a due date for all applications set for December 17, 2021. All requirements will remain the same for the application process. Discussions will continue in the following months to determine if panel presentations from applicants will take place in person or virtually depending upon the continued COVID related guidelines set in place in the community.

Discussion Item: Bylaws and Guiding Document Review Update

The Commission reviews the current bylaws and guiding document. The guiding document will continue to be updated as the bylaws are reviewed. Staff will work to get copies of the municipal codes and resolutions related to the Cultural Affairs Commission Bylaws to ensure all updates and continued work are in accordance with the original intent of the Commission. Continued review of these documents will be a recurring item at the annual Cultural Affairs Commission Retreat.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:46 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

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Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Mary Mollicone, Ree Varcoe, Auset Maryam Ali, donnie betts
Commissioners Absent	Maureen Maycheco, Matt McCormick
Staff	Midori Clark, Roberta Bloom, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:40 p.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for July 14, 2021

A motion was made by donnie and seconded by Ree to approve the Agenda for July 14, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Consideration of Minutes for June 9, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Auset to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: 9-Mile Pedestrian Bridge Presentation with Roberta Bloom

Roberta Bloom with Art in Public Places presented a proposed art project for the 9-Mile Pedestrian Bridge. This project has a total budget of \$250,000. \$175,000 of this budget is allocated to materials, fabrication, and installation. \$25,000 is allocated to the artist contract for project oversight. The remaining funds are allocated to the design contract.

This project has been supported by an Art Selection Panel comprised of: City Council members Alison Coombs and Juan Marcano; Art in Public Places Commissioners Mary Mollicone, Ana Valles, and Jesse Jimenez; Community Members donnie I. betts and Veronica Thighe; Artist David Griggs; Project Manager Bret Banwart; Eva Mather, Chad Argentar, and Christina Zazueta. This project kicked off in January of 2021 with an initial meeting with the Art Selection Panel who narrowed the number of potential artists from twelve to five candidates. In February final interviews were held with Vicki Scuri being the strong first choice for the project. A design contract for \$48,000 was created and signed and included a community engagement component. In June of 2021 Vicki presented a concept based on input through Engage Aurora. Core values determined by Engage Aurora included mobility, aesthetics, and safety. On July 7, 2021 the Art in Public Places Commission approved the proposed artwork concept.

donnie moved to approve the 9-Mile Pedestrian Bridge proposal as presented. Sethe seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Annual Retreat Planning

The commission discussed options staff presented regarding date and time availability for the annual retreat. The consensus was to hold the annual retreat on Saturday, August 14 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at the Central Library. Staff will work to ensure a virtual option is available for any Commissioners unable to join the meeting in person.

Discussion item: Annual Policy Committee Report

The Cultural Affairs Commission is scheduled to present their annual report to the PR+ Policy Committee on July 30, 2021. Auset and Sethe will join staff to present.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time

Art in Public Places – On Saturday, July 24, 2021, 5:00pm – 8:00pm the 7/20 Memorial Foundation’s Annual Fundraiser is taking place at the Waterwise Garden at the Aurora Municipal Center. September 3rd – 5th the Colfax Canvas Mural Festival is taking place in the Aurora Cultural Arts District. Saturday, October 23, 2021, 11:00am – 4:00pm Treat Street at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Event Center will be taking place. Friday, October 29, 2021, 3:00pm – 7:00pm the Boos Cruise is taking place at Aurora Sports Park.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – The Fox wrapped up their 36th season with the close of the Wonderland show. This show brought in a significant amount of revenue and ended the season on a successful note. The Little Foxes had 15 participants, and the facility is now open for external rentals.

Art & Business Connection – No update at this time.

Staff Report – Midori shared an update regarding the ongoing discussion related to SCFD funding that impacts the City of Aurora. This discussion is ongoing and the Commission will continue to be updated as discussions continue.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 8:22p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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MINUTES

City of Aurora

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Saturday, August 14, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 146-357-2448

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Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Tone Ellis de Jesus, Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, donnie betts, Matt McCormick
Commissioners Absent	Maureen Maycheco, Ree Varcoe
Staff	Midori Clark, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:10a.m.

Action Item: Approve Agenda for August 14, 2021

A motion was made by donnie and seconded by Sethe to approve the Agenda for August 14, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: 2021 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant

The Commission reviewed the Guidelines and Application documents related to the Northwest Aurora Arts Grant program. Both documents were updated to reflect a change from COVID Relief grants to COVID Recovery grants to continue assisting the arts community in moving forward during the pandemic. Additionally, the decision was made to continue having one type of grant for this grant cycle rather than returning to a separation of project and operations grants. Staff will work to ensure all documents reflect the updated language regarding the grant related documents.

The Northwest Aurora Arts Grant will be prepared and ready to release to the public in early to mid-October with a due date for all applications set for December 17, 2021. All requirements will remain the same for the application process. Discussions will continue in the following months to determine if panel presentations from applicants will take place in person or virtually depending upon the continued COVID related guidelines set in place in the community.

Discussion Item: Bylaws and Guiding Document Review Update

The Commission reviews the current bylaws and guiding document. The guiding document will continue to be updated as the bylaws are reviewed. Staff will work to get copies of the municipal codes and resolutions related to the Cultural Affairs Commission Bylaws to ensure all updates and continued work are in accordance with the original intent of the Commission. Continued review of these documents will be a recurring item at the annual Cultural Affairs Commission Retreat.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 12:46 p.m.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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City of Aurora

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

Meeting Link:

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Meeting Number: 2484 602 7977

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Commissioners Present	Tone Ellis de Jesus, Mary Mollicone, Auset Maryam Ali, donnie betts, Matt McCormick
Commissioners Absent	Sethe Tucker
Guests	Lynne Evans, Stanley Turner
Staff	Midori Clark, Drake Brownfield, Abraham Morales, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:33pm

Action Item: Approve Agenda for September 8, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by donnie to approve the Agenda for September 8, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Presentation with Drake Brownfield and the Historic Preservation Commission

Drake Brownfield with the Aurora History Museum shared a presentation about the Historic Preservation Commission, the Aurora Museum Foundation, and the Aurora Historical Society. Lynne Evans and Stanley Turner were present to discuss their involvement in the organizations. Information was shared regarding the founding of the Aurora Historical Society and the Aurora Museum Foundation. These organizations are separate entities from the Aurora History Museum and Historic Sites. The Aurora Museum Foundation has a mission to advocate for broad-based funding and community support to ensure the continued viability of the Aurora History Museum. The Aurora Historical Society promotes historic preservation in Aurora through the Aurora Historic Newspaper Digitization Project, Museum Lunch Lecture Events, and community social gatherings. Additionally the Aurora Historical Society provides financial contributions to preservation projects.

Action Item: Approve minutes for July 14, 2021 and August 14, 2021

Mary moved to approve the minutes for both July 14, 2021 and August 14, 2021 as submitted. donnie seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Reappointment of donnie l. betts

Tone moved to approve donnie for reappointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission. Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Staff will move the recommendation forward to City Council.

Discussion Item: Commission Application Interviews

Auset and Tone expressed interest in being on the next round of interviews as applications are received. Staff will work to schedule virtual interviews as applications are submitted.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time.

Art in Public Places – The Colfax Canvas event was successful this weekend. Photos will be shared with the Commission. There is an article in the Aurora Water Bill about the 9-Mile Pedestrian Bridge project. In October there will be two upcoming Trick or Treat events for the community.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – The next season will be starting on September 17 with a show titled 100 Days.

Art & Business Connection – No new update

Staff Report – Midori introduced Abraham Morales as the new Community Relations and Development Manager for the Library and Cultural Services Department. Abraham will be joining the meetings with Midori for a few months and will gradually move into being the new liaison for the Commission.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:38pm.

Sethe Tucker

Sethe Tucker, Chair

Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Meeting Number: 2484 602 7977

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Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Mary Mollicone, donnie betts, Tone Ellis de Jesus
Commissioners Absent	Auset Maryam Ali, Matt McCormick
Staff	Midori Clark, Maggie Chapman, Abraham Morales, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:38pm

Action Item: Approve Agenda for October 13, 2021

A motion was made by Mary and seconded by donnie to approve the Agenda for September 8, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Presentation with Maggie Chapman with Aurora Dance Arts

Maggie Chapman with Aurora Dance Arts presented regarding the Aurora Dance Arts Program. This program is made up of the 9-month continuous dance programs, the recreational dance programs for adults and children, summer dance programs, spring dance recitals, fall and holiday productions, and a variety of performing groups. Maggie shared information regarding the age groups for each type of dance class and shared that on average there are approximately 400 students each year. Though COVID-19 had a significant impact on the dance program and the ability to hold in-person classes the program has continued to thrive and is beginning to reach pre-pandemic levels of enrollment and participation.

Action Item: Approve minutes for September 9, 2021

Mary moved to approve the minutes for September 9, 2021 as submitted. donnie seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Final Approval for 2022 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Guidelines

Tone moved to approve the 2022 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Guideline as submitted with the expected amendment to add the total amount of grant funds available once this number becomes available. donnie seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Final Approval for 2022 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Application

Sethe moved to approve the 2022 Northwest Aurora Arts Grant Application as submitted. Auset seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Item: Meeting Start Time

Mary shared that the Cultural Affairs Commission had previously scheduled meetings to start at 6:30pm due to a schedule conflict that previous commissioners experienced. A motion was made to move meeting start times to 6:00pm. There was unanimous consent to change all future monthly meetings to a 6:00pm start time effective immediately.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time.

Art in Public Places – There are three Halloween themed events taking place in the month of October. Mary will share information by email with other Commissioners with invitations to participate.

Aurora Fox Arts Center – The Fox closed out their show titled 100 Days with a sold-out show. COVID protocols are still in place including spaced out seating. This weekend there will be a Dueling Piano show by the Barton Brothers with tickets still available.

Art & Business Connection – No new update

Staff Report – None at this time.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 7:42pm.

Sethe Tucker

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Midori Clark

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City of Aurora

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (CAC)

Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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Meeting Number: 2493 219 0409

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Commissioners Present	Sethe Tucker, Mary Mollicone, Tone Ellis de Jesus
Commissioners Absent	donnie betts, Matt McCormick, Auset Maryam Ali
Staff	Midori Clark, Jason Bade, Abraham Morales, Alia Gonzales

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:34pm

Action Item: Approve Agenda for October 13, 2021

A motion was made by Sethe and seconded by Mary to approve the Agenda for November 10, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Presentation with Jason Bade with the Bicentennial Center

Jason Bade, Senior Program Specialist, with the Bicentennial Center shared a presentation with the Commission. This presentation covered the history of the center both in it's current use as a pottery studio, and previous use as a Lowry Air Force Base Building built in 1938. The center currently has 7 active instructors, a facility manager, and three front desk staff. There are more than 88 different classes offered throughout a given year and vary from entry level and children's classes to advanced courses. Specialty classes are also offered for smaller groups. Jason also detailed the types of kilns available at the center and the different types of work these kilns produce.

Action Item: Approve minutes for October 13, 2021

Tone moved to approve the minutes for October 13, 2021 as submitted. Mary seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Item: Light of Dawn Dedication Ceremony

The newly re-finished Light of Dawn at the Aurora Municipal Campus will be celebrated in a Light of Dawn Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday, November 17. All Commissioners are invited to come take part in the celebration.

Discussion Item: 2022 NAAG Update

The applications and guidelines have been approved and will be posted in the next week. Applications will be due Friday, December 17. Staff will continue to update the Commission on how many applications are received. Presentations will be scheduled for either Saturday, January 15 or Saturday, January 22 based on availability and number of grants received. At this time both in-person presentations and virtual presentations will be available, however this is subject to change.

Discussion Item: Aurora Creates – January/February 2022 Edition

Abraham Morales is working on the next edition of the Aurora Creates and would like to include information and photos for each Commissioner. Please forward a photo and very brief blurb to be used in the production to staff.

Reports:

Chair – None at this time.

Art in Public Places – No new update – update provided during the Light of Dawn Dedication Ceremony agenda item

Aurora Fox Arts Center – None at this time

Art & Business Connection – No new update

Staff Report – None at this time.

Comments from Commissioners – None at this time.

Public Comment – None at this time.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:59pm.

Sethe Tucker

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Midori Clark

Midori Clark, Staff

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Signature: 
Sethe Tucker (Jul 23, 2022 18:05 MDT)

Email: musicsmile5280@gmail.com

Signature: 
Midori Clark (Aug 19, 2022 11:21 MDT)

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