



CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting – Thursday, May 29, 2008

12:00 p.m.

Lincoln Center, 417 W. Magnolia Street, Fort Collins, CO 80521

Council Liaison: David Roy Staff Liaison: Jill Stilwell

Chairperson: Patrick Moran Phone: 207-9888 (h)

Vice-Chair: Sue Beck-Ferkiss

A regular meeting of the Cultural Resources Board was held on Thursday, May 29 at 12:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Board Members present: Diane Gaede, Patrick Moran, Carol Ann Hixon,
Sue Beck-Ferkiss, Susan Marshall, Ann Wilmsen

Board Members absent: Jack Steele

Staff Members present: Brent Carmack and Lesley Drayton

Guests Present: Jim Clark

I. Call to order at 12:10 by Mr. Moran

II. Consideration of today's agenda

Agenda was accepted.

III. Approval of minutes from April 23, 2008

Ms. Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes as amended.

Ms. Gaede seconded the motion.

Passed unanimously.

IV. Public Input

Eric Sutherland expressed concern with the city's funding of the Sustainable Living Fair. He focused on two main messages at the Fair that he believes the city should not promote:

1. Biofuels as a sustainable choice for the future
2. Renewable energy credits as an offset for carbon emissions

Mr. Sutherland said he has written to Fair organizers with his concerns from last year's Fair, and plans to present his ideas to City Council.

Ms. Hixon suggested that Mr. Sutherland write a letter to Jill Stilwell expressing his views.

IX. SCFD Presentation

Annette Geiselman and Tamara Tores gave a presentation on the proposed Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) for Fort Collins and Loveland. A printed PowerPoint slide presentation and brochure supplemented the SCFD concept that Ms. Geiselman presented. Highlights from the presentation:

1. Revenue generated from a 0.1% retail sales tax will support recipient cultural and scientific organizations. The funding can offset approximately 25% of an organization's operating costs.

2. Funding for eligible institutions is based on paid participation and revenue, so the SCFD rewards excellence.

3. She also directed board members to www.SCFDNorth.org to learn more about the SCFD.

During the presentation, numerous CRB members gave suggestions to Ms. Geiselman and also had questions regarding funding, eligibility, staffing, and planning details associated with the proposed SCFD. Ms. Geiselman said the SCFD committee will try to get the issue on the ballot this year or at next year's election.

X. Potential Impacts of an SCFD on Fort Fund

Mr. Moran started a discussion on how the potential passing of the SCFD would affect the CRB and Fort Fund. Discussion ranged from concerns about consolidation of a Fort Collins arts council to potential public confusion. It was decided that the CRB would continue business as usual but prepare for questions about the SCFD topic soon, and ask legal to go review this topic and potential questions/answers.

XI. Business and the Arts Workshop (Anne Wilmsen, Diane Gaede)

Ms. Wilmsen and Ms. Gaede recapped an idea to host a Business and the Arts workshop to boost involvement and engagement by the downtown business community in the arts community of Fort Collins. Due to a number of concerns about this approach, the CRB agreed to postpone this workshop and pursue a different avenue for this message. Ms. Hixon suggested going to the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce to find out what they need from the CRB to better assess what role the CRB can play in fostering support from the business community for the arts.

XII. Liaison Reports

Convention/Visitors Bureau – There are many summer events coming to Fort Collins, hotel business is generally down, and there are many uncertainties about a Peace Corps reunion event that is supposed to come to town this summer.

Art in Public Places – Historic figure Montezuma Fuller received the Urban Art award. Copies of the minutes from this are available.

DDA “Beet Street” – All DDAs statewide have been reinstated. The planners for the performing arts amphitheater planned by Beet Street will be having a charrette on June 4.

DBA – The Fort Collins Museum Indian Market held downtown in May was very successful. There are several events happening downtown this summer, including Greek, Irish, and Jazz festivals.

Arts Alive – A Jazz festival will be happening this summer, and the Garden Party is planned for August 10. Ms. Hixon said she would forward on to the CRB a report of what Arts Alive does in the community to clarify their mission.

XIII. Adjournment –2:00 pm.

Submitted by Lesley Drayton, Curator of Archives at the Fort Collins Museum