

Cultural, Library and Recreational Services

Lincoln Center

CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD MINUTES

Special Meeting – Thursday September 15, 2005
12p.m.

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

Council Liaison: Karen Weitkunat, Mayor Pro-Tem Staff Liaison: Jill Stilwell

Chairperson: Ayleen Burns Phone: 225-3937 (h)
Vice-Chair: Ann Wilmsen

A special meeting of the Cultural Resources Board was held on Thursday September 15, 2005 at 12p.m. The following members were present:

Board Members present: Ann Wilmsen, Jack Steele
 Patrick Moran, Carol Ann Hixon,
Board Members absent: Ayleen Burns, Susan Beck-Ferkiss, Jon Wilkinson
Staff Members present: Jill Stilwell, Cheryl Donaldson, Marty Heffernan, Evan Hyatt
Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order – (12:05p.m.) Ann Wilmsen

II. Consideration of agenda - remove VI at the request of Jill Stilwell.

III. Public Input: none.

Ms. Stilwell invited the Board to attend a Focus Group on September 27th in preparation for a Community Vision Conference: Economic Vitality and Diversity, on November 2 & 3, 2005. Ann Wilmsen and Patrick Moran might be available to attend on behalf of the Board and will reply to Ms. Stilwell.

Ms. Stilwell also distributed flyers for Board recruitment.

IV. Arts & Humanities Month

Mr. Moran showed the Board the design for the poster and the bookmark. It will go to the printer in the next week and staff will arrange distribution.

Carol Ann Hixon asked if the information on organizations and events could be posted on the City's webpage and she or Patrick will connect with Melissa Moran at the City to discuss. She also is in contact with Cable 14 and Comcast for postings. Ann Wilmsen sent a letter to KUNC requesting ticket give aways.

Staff has prepared the Proclamation for the Mayor and it is on the agenda for October 4th at 5:30p.m. in Council Chambers. Ms. Wilmsen, Ms. Burns, and Ms. Hixon will attend to accept the Proclamation from the Mayor.

Ms. Wilmsen expressed many thanks to Ms. Hixon and Mr. Moran for all the work they've done on this project.

V. Role of the CRB – Discussion

The Board broke into two groups with staff to discuss more specifically “what” they feel the Board should be. The groups were given the following statement to start discussion derived from the previous meeting:

The Cultural Resources Board Should be:

- An Advocate for culture and the arts
- A conduit back to council
- A visible presence

The Groups reported back with the following written statements:

Blue Group: Instigate Cultural Activities

- To shine a good light on Fort Collins
- To provide more opportunities for participation
- To bring financial benefit to the community
- Continuing/on-going activities to focus on Fort Collins as a destination for fun during a particular time period
- Funding – Board can have influence through funding/political connection
- Don't Advise – Do something (influence)

Magenta Group:

- Maintain and Grow Culture and the Arts
- Good for people, economy, environment, for a lasting civilization
- What is in 3 Arenas
- Policy that impacts culture and arts
- Awareness support for culture and arts groups, activities
- Funding (tangible support)

The whole group discussed and added the following ideas:

1. Help arts organizations be successful by getting word out/funding
Bring their value in front of the community
2. Help community participate and value culture and the arts

The whole group boiled all this down into three primary areas of focus for the CRB's Role:

1. Influencing Council and Policy on issues that impact culture and arts
 2. Promoting Awareness of culture and the arts
 3. Funding for culture and the arts
- And a fourth ...
4. Instigating or using political and financial influence to pursue a planned direction for the betterment of the community.

The whole group then began brainstorming specific action steps they could pursue under each category.

1. Influencing Council and Policy
 - How to do it?
 - What do you want to have influence on?
 - What are the issues?
 - SCFD funding
 - DDA's Cultural Neighborhood plan
 - CVB/FF Funding Mix
 - Creamery site as possible interim artists' studios

At this point time ran out for the meeting. The group decided to allocate 1 hour minimum of the next regularly scheduled meeting to continuing developing action steps for the three primary areas of focus and to

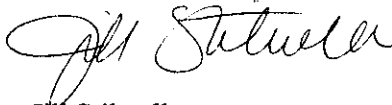
extend that meeting to two hours. It was also suggested that the Board would like to review their mission statement again in light of these discussions. The Board also agreed to consider scheduling another special meeting if needed at the next regular meeting.

VI. Fort Fund Liaisons Ticket Distribution - none

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment: 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill Stilwell
Director of Cultural Services