

Douglas County Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday - December 13, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

100 Third Street

Castle Rock, Colorado, CO

Attendees: Diana Wiens, Mary Ann Evans, Debbie Lewis, Jack Christensen, Pat Braden, Ann Speer, Holly Carrell, Erica Barclay (SCFD), Kathy Spuhler, Terence Quinn (DC Economic Development Director)

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Pat Braden.

1. From September 13, 2011 – Debbie Lewis made the motion to approve meeting minutes, Jack Christensen seconded and all council members agreed. September 2011 meeting minutes approved.
2. Public Comment - None.
3. Council Member Updates (2 min each):
Mary Ann, Debbie, Pat, Ann and Chris all attended the PACE Center Grand Opening.
Mary Ann and Pat attended the Check Award Ceremony.
Pat attended the Lone Tree Symphony performance at the Lone Tree Arts Center.
(First show sold out and the second show was nearly sold out!)
4. SCFD update:
Thursday, December 15, 2011 is the SCFD Stakeholder's meeting, Denver Botanic Gardens
Input is needed from council members and grant requestors. Information regarding the reauthorization will be shared and the impact it could have on Tier 3s.
Upcoming Chairs' meeting January 21, 2012, SCFD offices, afternoon
GO Grants are not working and will not be used for the 2012 grant cycle, the existing pdf files will remain in use. The mini-grant will still be available. There are no changes to the mini-grant criteria. Due to this change the council member trainings will be cancelled and the workshops will still be scheduled as in the past.
February 15, 2012 the final grant reports will be completed and available, CD's burned for DCCC members, with four hard copies produced (as requested).
Always looking for SCFD eligible organizations and as the Economic Development team works with the DCCC we need to be sure we are all referring interested parties to the SCFD website, applicants can apply at any time, however the deadline is September 30th to qualify.
Recently 22 organization filed for SCFD eligibility and five were granted, none of them were from Douglas County. Let's be on the lookout for any organization who should be aware of SCFD and get the info shared.

5. Other Business:

Pat reminded the council that her term as Chair ends in January. The person elected to the Chair position needs to be flexible, attend numerous meetings; (Upcoming Chairs' meeting held at the SCFD offices, three workshops for grant requests, Executive Committee meetings prior to full council meeting for planning purposes), month of May requires a lot of dedicated work, and responsible for approximately \$400,000 in tax-payer funds for distribution. This is a job that needs to be taken very seriously given the level of responsibility.

Diana Wiens will not be continuing on the council, effective January 2012. Jack Hilbert and Steve Board will each have a open DCCC position.

Successes that Pat and the council have seen over the past include: the opening of both the Lone Tree Arts Center and the PACE Center in Parker, and the popularity of Art Encounters.

Terence Quinn introduced himself. He indicated that he would like to attend council meetings periodically and assist with the cultural branding project. His team could facilitate a discussion for our future vision, what cultural branding could look like, focus on those cultural differences that distinguish us from Denver; urban/suburban, open space/national forest. Terrence will revisit with Wendy Holmes for update on county commissioners focus/direction for this project and who will fund. Pat indicated that depending on how the project is handled there may be DCCC discretionary funds available to offset some of the cost.

Kathy Spuhler spoke on the work being done for all of the SCFD. Currently they are working with IB schools and looking at activity lists to ensure adequate availability to all DC students. Sheri Kangas would be instrumental in providing information on school access and activities.

6. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm