

Douglas County Cultural Council

Meeting Minute Notes

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 @ 6:00 p.m.

Douglas County Offices

Castle Rock, CO

Attendees: Diana Wiens, Mary Ann Evans, Debbie Lewis, Chris Eppers, Jack Christensen, Linda Humphrey, Pat Braden, Ann Speer, Holly Carrell, Clark Griggs, Donna Smith

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. January 11, 2011 Meeting Minutes were approved: Linda Humphreys made the motion, Jack Christensen seconded and all council members agreed.
2. Public Comment:
Annie McGee Stimson, Bruce Workman (Castle Rock Art Guild) and Barbara Arko (Castle Rock Arts Coalition) presented the current standing of their performance groups and venue concerns. They indicated they are working on a collaborative effort to bring performing groups together in Castle Rock Pat Braden indicated that as part of Castle Rock they could participate in County activities; however, where SCFD dollars are utilized these groups would need to fund their involvement. She also mentioned that the Council is supporting Art Encounters and the purchase of "Café" using discretionary funds.
3. Council Member Updates (2 min each)
Jack Christensen shared the impact Café is having on the current call for artists. The Art Encounters committee has seen a large increase in the number of artists responding to the call, more professional pieces being submitted, a wider variety of art and the ease of seeing the art through the Café system. Thirty-two pieces were submitted last year and this year the number is 96.

We all welcomed Debbie Lewis to the Council.

Chris gave an update on the HR Mansion and the renovation. The estimated time of completion is July 2012.

Pat reminded all of the Council members that Donna's going away party is March 16th. She also mentioned she participated in the Denver Film Society

4. Other Business:
Pat mentioned as a Council we need to be thoughtful about our branding and economic development/business involvement. We need to consider how we are utilizing our discretionary funds and that we may need to revisit Art Encounters.

Clark Griggs, past Council member, presented the Mind Map to the Council as a way to visually see what we have accomplished and where we want to set our sights for the future. During this discussion we shared ways we can leverage our council involvement with other activities we are involved. The importance of reaching out to others and building relationships that include businesses in Douglas County. For example, Chris Eppers heads up the Economic Gardening for Douglas County. He would be the “liaison” with the Chamber and business community. This will be delved into at our retreat, “new collaboration model”.

We also discussed: education and SCFD support in the schools, our key roles of supporting what is taking place not the doing piece, the challenge of a county wide calendar and hw this may change with the new venues opening soon.

Reminder there is a meeting at the Wildlife Experience on April 5th from 7:30 – 11:00. We should all encourage businesses to attend.

5. Preparation for grant season – due Fri, Apr 22 at 4:00pm
Many interviews have all ready been set. It worked well having organizations sign up at the SCFD workshops. Holly is working to get the rest scheduled and it is all going smoothly.
6. SCFD update:
Things are looking up! December figures were up 7% and January figures were up 10%. Tier II training is currently taking place.
Reminder that new “Conflict of Interest” statements should be updated at the next meeting.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Reminders:

Upcoming meetings:

Thurs, Apr 8	7:30a-12:00p	SCFD Annual Retreat	
		Botanic Gardens, Mitchell Hall	
Tues, Apr 12	6:00-8:00p	Regular Meeting	LT
Tues, May 10	5:30p-8:30p	Review applications	CR
Sat, May 14	8:00a-12:00p	Interviews	LT
Mon, May 16	5:30p-8:30p	Interviews	CR
Wed, May 25	5:30p-8:30p	Interviews	LT
Tues, May 31	5:30p-8:30p	Allocation	CR