



City of Greenwood Village

Minutes – Final Arts & Humanities Council

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Thursday, March 19, 2026

4:30 PM

City Manager/Conference Room
6060 South Quebec Street

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Greenwood Village Arts & Humanities Council met on Thursday, March 19th 2026 in the City Manager's Conference Room at Greenwood Village City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado. Tonight's meeting was called to order at 5:18PM by Council Chair Anne Cashman.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Anne Cashman, Stephanie Davis, Pat Aaron, Ellie Moller, Ilena Norton, Kathleen Smith, Tina Suszynski, Deborah Tolley

Excused: 1 - Youth Member, seat vacated and not yet filled

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arts Council Member Ellie Moller, seconded by Arts Council Member Kathleen Smith; to Approve the draft minutes from the February 19th 2026 GVAHC meeting. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

A. February 2026 Meeting Minutes (2026-76)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present for tonight's meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Movie in the Park Film Selection Discussion (2026-77)

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper reminded the group that the Movie in the Park is coming up in August, so promotion will need to begin in June. She stated that members should be ready to bring their film suggestions to the May meeting, offering that Arts Council members could send their ideas to her via email and she would compile them into a list for discussion. Multiple Council members voiced their suggestions, to be revisited at the May GVAHC meeting.

6. STAFF UPDATES

A. Film Series (2026-78)

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper that the upcoming showing of The American Southwest, the final in GVAHC's Winter Film Series, has sold 20 tickets thus far, outpacing previous films by a considerable measure. The screening will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, at 6:30PM at the Landmark Theatres.

B. Shakespeare in the Parking Lot (2026-79)

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper reminded the group of the upcoming Shakespeare in the Parking Lot performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream, which will be held in the Curtis Center's south parking lot on Saturday, April 18th at 12PM. She asked that GVAHC members help spread the word by sharing the provided flyers, and thanked Arts Council Member Kathleen Smith for her offer to inform local schools of the event.

C. Financial Summary Report (2026-80)

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper shared the updated Financial Summary Report for March 2026.

D. Community Events Calendar (2026-81)

The Arts Council reviewed upcoming events on the Community Events Calendar, including the opening reception for the Western Federation of Watercolor Societies' 51st Annual Exhibition on May 9th, followed by the Mobile Concert Series on Thursday evenings in June and the 43rd Annual All Colorado Show in July.

7. BOARD UPDATES

Arts Council Member Ilena Norton, who was not present for the artist selection portion of the February GVAHC meeting, wished to share her vision for the Carson Park public art project and advocate for her preferred artist, George Peters, who was ultimately not selected as a finalist in February. She stated that, rather than install a separate artwork or artworks, her concept was to amplify the amphitheater that is being constructed as part of the project, in order to elevate the theatrical experience for community members attending performances and events. She expressed her belief that George Peters, an accomplished artist and personal acquaintance of hers, would bring international acclaim and a thoughtful eye to the project, and implored the group to consider adding him as a 4th finalist. The group debated the pros and cons of adding a 4th finalist, noting that if an additional finalist were to be added, then all of the artists who made the top 10 prior to last month's meeting but were not selected as finalists would need to be reconsidered in order to keep the process fair. Multiple Arts Council members also cautioned that diverting from the established process could open GVAHC up to liability, and after a review of the RFP which states that "up to three finalists will be selected," the group agreed that it was in the best interest of the already-selected artists, GVAHC, and the City of Greenwood Village to maintain course. All members also agreed that, should the finalists present less-than-compelling plans at next month's meeting, that previous artists would be up for reconsideration.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06PM.

Signed:

Clare Langley Hawthorne, Chair

Date

Attest:

Cheri Awalt, Administrative Assistant

Date