



City of Greenwood Village

Minutes – Final Arts & Humanities Council

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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

5:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Greenwood Village Arts & Humanities Council met on Tuesday, June 17th 2025 at the Curtis Center for the Arts, 2349 E Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado. Tonight's meeting was called to order at 5:41PM by Council Member Anne Cashman.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Deborah Tolley, Ellie Moller, Anne Cashman, Pat Aaron, Tina Suszynski, Ilena Norton, Kathleen Smith (via Teams)

Absent: 2 - Stephani Davis, Zoe Hochsadt

Presiding:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arts Council member Ellie Moller, seconded by Arts Council Member Deborah Tolley; to Approve the Draft Minutes from the May 15 GVAHC meeting. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: 7 - Kathleen Smith, Deborah Tolley, Anne Cashman, Ellie Moller, Patricia Aaron, Tina Suszynski, Ilena Norton

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

A. 5/15/2025 Meeting Minutes (2025-187)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Museum of Outdoor Arts Placement of Lin Emery Public Art (2025-188)

Director of Parks, Trails and Recreation Suzanne Moore and Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper presented a proposal from the Museum of Outdoor Art (MOA), who is seeking the Arts Council's support for its proposed relocation of a piece of public art from its current placement in Englewood to a median in Greenwood Village, located at the intersection of Syracuse and Greenwood Plaza Blvd. The artwork, a large-scale kinetic sculpture titled Duo, was created by the late Lin Emery and acquired by MOA in 2007. It was explained that MOA is interested in relocating the sculpture to Greenwood Village in part to bring it closer to the rest of their collection, the bulk of which is situated in Marjorie Park. The piece has also been vandalized multiple times at its current location in Englewood, and it is the hope of MOA that the citizens of Greenwood Village will be better stewards of the art. It was presented that the piece will benefit Greenwood Village by enhancing the beauty of the public space where it is proposed to be installed, and distinguishing Greenwood Village as a cultural hub; a survey from Americans for the Arts was cited stating that 70% of Americans believe that public art improves the image and identity of their communities. It was further emphasized that, as a part of their permanent collection, all installation and maintenance costs would be the responsibility of MOA.

A motion was made by Arts Council member Tina Suszynski, seconded by Arts Council Member Deborah Tolley; to Approve Museum of Outdoor Arts Placement of Lin Emery Public Art. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: 7 - Kathleen Smith, Deborah Tolley, Anne Cashman, Ellie Moller, Patricia Aaron, Tina Suszynski, Ilena Norton

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

B. Preparation for July 7 City Council Planning Session (2025-189)

Arts Council member Anne Cashman presented a draft of the proposal to install public art in Carson Park that the Arts Council hopes to present at an upcoming City Council study session. The Arts Council discussed the specifics of what should be included in their presentation before City Council, including a price breakdown that clearly and accurately reflects the full scope of expected expenses related to the project (artist stipend, fabrication, engineering report, placement and installation, etc.), an emphasis on supporting Colorado artists, an appropriate and appealing theme that celebrates both the history of the site and appreciates its future potential, and a reasonable timeline outlining the steps/phases of the project from start to finish. Council Chair Kathleen Smith emphasized the importance of including an abstract (provided by Kathleen prior to this meeting), and a copy of Greenwood Village's Public Art Policy for City Council's review in addition to the presentation. While GVAHC had previously been slated to present at City Council's study session on July 7, it was suggested by PTR Director Suzanne Moore that they might be better served by taking more time to hone their proposal and instead presenting at the August 4 Study Session. The group agreed, and Suzanne stated that she would work on getting it rescheduled.

C. Media Designs for Art on the Green (2025-190)

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper and Cultural Arts Admin Cheri Awalt presented designs for various pieces of media related to the upcoming Art on the Green, including the commemorative poster using the artwork chosen by the Arts Council at the May 15 meeting, as well as promotional magnets, bookmarks, flyers, and postcard.

D. Art on the Green Entertainment (2025-191)

Arts Council member Illena Norton expressed that, while she feels that having dance performances at Art on the Green would enhance the event entertainment, she also fears that time is running short to book rentals and performers for this year. Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper inquired about the costs associated, and explained that the overall entertainment budget for the event is \$5,000 but that she has held off on fully booking musicians in an effort to save some resources for other types of performances should the group decide they wanted that. Illena stated that it was not her intention to reallocate any of the existing entertainment budget, and that her recommendation would be to expand the budget to include dancers and an additional dance stage. With this in mind, it was suggested that the idea be tabled for now and revisited for Art on the Green in 2026, when there will be more time to reconsider the budget and book additional performers. The group agreed to revisit for next year.

E. Film Series Update (2025-192)

Arts Council member Illena Norton stated that she has reached out to the Landmark Theater to inquire about their participation in the film series, and whether they would be interested in expanding their role to assist with securing film rights and ticketing, which were covered by the Denver Film Society last year. She stated that she has not yet heard back, and so suggested that the topic be brought back up for discussion at a later meeting after she has received their response. The group agreed to revisit at a later date.

6. STAFF UPDATES

Cultural Arts Manager Lisa Neeper updated the Council on the financial summary and Community Events calendar, noting that upcoming events included two remaining concerts in the Mobile Concert Series, the upcoming All Colorado Art Show opening on July 12, and Art on the Green in September.

A. Financial Summary Report (2025-193)

B. Community Events Calendar (2025-194)

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

A motion was made by Arts Council Member Deborah Tolley, seconded by Council member Patricia Aaron; to Adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Yes: 7 - Kathleen Smith, Deborah Tolley, Anne Cashman, Ellie Moller, Patricia Aaron, Tina Suszynski, Ilena Norton

No: 0 - None
Recused: 0 - None

Signed:

Clare Langley Hawthorne, Chair

Date

Attest:

Cheri Awalt, Administrative Assistant

Date