

## June 2014 Boulder Arts Commission Packet Materials

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NOTE: Manager's Update will be delivered verbally at the meeting.



**Boulder Arts Commission Agenda  
June 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m.  
North Meeting Room, Boulder Public Library**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Approval of Agenda

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**COMMISSION RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Review of May 21, 2014, minutes

**MATTERS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS**

**MATTERS FROM STAFF**

FOR DISCUSSION: Manager's Update

FOR DISCUSSION: June 10 City Council Study Session/Community Cultural Plan Update (Matt)

FOR DISCUSSION: Update on August 2 BAC Retreat (Matt)

FOR DISCUSSION: Civic Area Activation Projects (David)

**GRANT PROGRAM ACTION ITEMS**

**GRANT BUDGET REPORTS**

Boulder Chorale, FY14 R2 Spark Grant, Annelies Concert, Education & Outreach

Joanna Rotkin, FY13 R1 Arts in Education Grant, Flying and Falling

Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, FY13 Major Grant, Your Brain on Art

Consuelo Hernandez, FY14 R1 Arts in Education Grant, Mexican Folkloric Dance at Columbine Elementary

**UPCOMING MEETING (Agenda Building)**

9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, August 2, 2014—University Memorial Center, Colorado University

**ADJOURNMENT**



DRAFT  
Boulder Arts Commission  
May 21, 2014  
Boulder Public Library

**Commission Members Present** Richard Turbiak, Anna Salim, Linda Haertling

**Staff Present** David Farnan, Matt Chasansky, Greg Ravenwood

**Others Present** Carla Selby, Amy Tremper, Emily Harrison, Amanda Berg Wilson

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

Carla Selby stated her satisfaction that implementation of the public art project “YES!” had been terminated by the City. She recommended more transparency and public notice for Arts Commission business, suggesting a monthly email newsletter.

Amy Tremper echoed agreement on Selby’s suggestion for more press and notification on upcoming BAC matters.

**Review of Minutes**

Turbiak motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the April 16, 2014, BAC meeting and the joint Library & Arts Commission meeting of May 14; Haertling seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Open Grant Presentation**

Emily Harrison reviewed the final report from Boulder County Arts Alliance for the Open Grant project “Boulder Arts Week,” which took place March 28 - April 6, 2014. Turbiak noted that as soon as BCAA submitted the final budget figures to the BAC, the report could be reviewed for approval and remaining 20% funds could be released . As an aside, the commissioners recommended that, if BCAA were to pursue grant funds for the project in the future, requests should champion an “ideal” budget for maximum opportunity to achieve with the project. Haertling enthused over the public venue performances such as those which took place at McGuckin’s Hardware and Whole Foods.

**Matters from the Commission**

After the Open Grant presentation, there was discussion of improving the grant budget report document, using the format of the Boulder Arts Week final report as an example.

The commissioners who were present at the May 14 joint Library Commission/Arts Commission meeting (Turbiak, Salim, Haertling) enthused on the experience with Turbiak noting that it was a “great start...keep the communication open.”

**Matters from Staff**

**Public Discourse on Yes!**

In the aftermath of the dissolution of the YES! public art project, Salim voiced her concern that world-class artists might shy away from applying to Boulder RFPs in the future after the debacle. Turbiak

acknowledged that the larger community's aesthetic with regard to public art might be far more provincial and conservative than previously estimated. Salim expressed her view that City Council did not understand the budget was not a check to the artists in total, and also that a large portion of the budget would have gone into the local economy, opining that education, outreach and strategic public relations efforts were important in future public art processes. Farnan agreed that there would be better public involvement and advance information to the community information in future endeavors.

Civic Area Activation Projects

Farnan voiced his intention to pursue implementation of interactive temporary art and cultural events, using the remaining funds from the "Yes!" project. Projects would take place in a variety of locations including North Boulder, University Hill, and the Municipal Campus.

Chasansky reviewed his manager's update memorandum. He noted that various Letters of Intent for Open Grant projects were in the planning stages, and reinforced that commissioners should demand a very high standard with broad significant impact when agreeing to sponsor in proposals in this category. Turbiak wondered if there should be a "year off" for eligibility if awards were made in this category (similar to the current requirement for the major grant recipients).

Grant Program Action Items

Grant Budget Reports

Grant reports from these grant recipients were reviewed: Lisa Bell, Spark Grant FY14 R1 (MMMMBoulder 2014); Boulder County Arts Alliance, Major Grant FY14 (The Boulder Tattoo Project); Boulder High School, Arts in Education Grant FY13 R1 (Light Text Graphics = Tower of Art); Evanne Browne, CCI Summit Scholarship FY14; Downtown Boulder, Inc., Arts in Education Grant FY13 R3 (Student Banner Project); Imagination Makers theater Co., Theater Rental Grant FY13 R3 (Tour of a Play to Boulder Elementary Schools); LOCAL Theater Lab, Spark FY14 R1 (New Play Festival); and Amy Tremper, CCI Summit Scholarship FY14. Turbiak motioned to approve all of the grant budget reports and extensions. Haertling seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Signature

Date

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MEMORANDUM

To Boulder Arts Commission Members  
From Matt Chasansky, Office of Arts & Culture Manager  
Date June 13, 2014

Re: Draft Agenda for the BAC Retreat

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Below is a draft agenda of our August 2 retreat for the purposes of discussion during the June 16 meeting.

**DRAFT AGENDA:**

University of Colorado, University Memorial Center Room XXX  
9:00 AM—4:00 PM

9:00 AM Coffee and Reintroductions

9:30 AM Call to Order  
Consent Agenda  
Approval of Minutes

9:45 AM Public Comment  
Commissioner Response to Public Comment

10:15 AM Spark Grants

10:30 AM State of the Arts 2014  
The State of the Arts Report  
City-supported Organizations: The Dairy, BMoCA, Chautauqua, The MOB

12:00 PM Break  
Lunch  
Tour of the CU Art Museum

1:30 AM 2015 Cultural Grants  
Norming on the Charter  
Mission and Goals  
Structure  
Schedule  
Budget and Allocations  
Roles and Approvals

2:30 PM Community Cultural Plan (Facilitated by CPG)  
Status of Outreach and Preliminary Findings  
Benchmarking Presentation

4:00 PM Meeting Closed

4:30 PM Evening Mixer Event (possible)