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Commission on Cultural Development

March 6, 2026

City Council Chambers, 73 Harlow Street

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Sundance Campbell, Kelly Chenot, Mariya Doncheva, Nina Earley, Kal Elmore, Sara Elizabeth Green-Hamann, Benjamin Jones, Rosemary Lausier, Samantha Schipani (via Zoom), Jennifer Snow (via Zoom)

Others: Anne Krieg – Director of Development

1. A quorum being present the March 6, 2026 meeting of the Commission on Cultural Development was called to order by Chair Earley at 8:30 AM.
2. Meeting Minutes – Motion passed to approve the minutes of the February 6th meeting. Minutes of the January 2nd meeting still postponed.
3. Financial Report – No questions or concerns.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Grant – No update from Committee Chair Snow; will schedule meeting soon to review spring grant applications. Snow asked if the ARTober expenses have been finalized yet – Chair Earley responded and clarified.
 - b. Cultural Asset – No update from Committee Chair Elmore; will schedule meeting once FY27 budget has been approved.
 - c. ARTober – Committee Chair Campbell provided an overview of the event and the Committee's work; will schedule meeting in mid-April. Commissioner Chenot suggested having an opening for the Pickering Square art installations during ARTober.
5. Discussion re: Grant Disbursements for Purchasing Items
 - a. Development Director Anne Krieg introduced the agenda item and provided an overview of City Council's concerns regarding the disbursement of grant funds for purchasing physical items.
 - b. Commissioner Snow noted that the grant application currently does not specify that funds should be for programming vs. physical items, and stated that no changes should be put in place for the spring grant cycle because of this. Development Director Krieg and Chair Earley expressed agreement with this.
 - c. Chair Earley expressed support for the disbursement of grant funds remaining open to both programming and physical items – Commissioner Snow expressed agreement but noted that if Council requires changes to be made, they need to be specific so that the Commission can update their grant guidelines accordingly.
 - d. Commissioners discussed at length, and also opened up the discussion to possible updates to the grant application process and requirements.
6. Discussion of Ongoing projects & Commission Plans for 2026
 - a. Development Director Anne Krieg discussed the Commission's budget proposal, including a proposed use of TIF funds.
 - b. Commissioners discussed possible projects that funds could be used for.



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- c. Commissioner Snow mentioned a possible grant opportunity that the Commission could apply for – Chair Earley asked if Snow would lead a committee to work on this application. Snow agreed. Commissioners discussed the process for acquiring City Council approval for this application with Development Director Krieg.

7. Adjourned at 9:30 AM.