



WINDSOR ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Windsor Art & Heritage Center, 116 5th Street, Windsor, CO 80550

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call
2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration
3. Public Invited to be Heard

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of July Minutes
2. Acceptance of Financial Report

C. BOARD ACTION

1. Postpone Mural Grant Applications to 2027 Season
 - RAD Real Estate artist will not be available until Spring 2027
 - High Desert Chocolate owners have opted not to work with Katie Curcio and will begin looking for a new artist after September; project could not be completed by the end of 2026 and so will be postponed until 2027.
2. Discuss reallocation of \$10,000 from mural grants to another mural project
 - Location
 - Artist/design - potentially reuse Katie Curcio's proposed design for High Desert Chocolates that will not be executed.
 - Use for landscape improvements around Ray's piece and/or CDC sculpture
 - Other options?

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ongoing Project Updates
 1. CRC signage
 2. Noblewins benches
 3. Entryway monument
2. SoL Update
 - Voting
 - Deinstall/Install Dates

- Season 2 Opening Event

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communications from Town Board Liaison
2. Communications from Town Staff
3. Communications from Commission Members

F. ADJOURN

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WINDSOR ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

July 21, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER: 5:58 PM

1. Roll Call

Present: Emily Pearson, and Todd Vess, Carrie Ferris, Laurie Bess, Justin Discoe, Marisha Pelnar, Cindy Rhoads,

Absent: Kelly Scharlau, Kenley Hersh

Also Present: Laura Browarny, Ken Symsock, Chris Bates,

2. Review of Agenda by the Board and Addition of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration: Approval of Agenda Carrie Ferris, Second by Todd Vess, unanimously approved

3. Public Invited to be Heard

None

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

2. Acceptance of Financial Report

Motion to accept Consent Calendar: Motion: Carrie Ferris, Second: Laurie Bess, unanimously approved

C. BOARD ACTION

1. Approval of mural design by Dara Weyna for Noblewins bench project. Motion: Emily Pearson, Second: Cindy Rhoads

2. Approval of mural design by Gail Whitman for east LED sign. Gail presented two designs, the first a sunrise landscape with cattails, the second peaches. The board preferred peaches. Motion: Todd Vess, Second: Justin Discoe, unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Mural Grant application from Mark Despain of RAD Real Estate at 113 N 6th St. the board loved the proposal and were excited to get a mural that is very different from the previous murals that we have painted. Motion: Todd Vess, Second: Carrie Ferris. Unanimously approved.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Feedback on design for High Desert Chocolates Mural Grant project. Review AI generated design provided by Shaunette White, owner. Review concept sketch from Katie Curcio, artist. There was a spirited and lengthy discussion on the use of AI along with the specifics of these designs. It was mentioned that designs need to be original works of art. Justin mentioned a project that he was working on where AI was used to come up with a concept, but copyright wasn't granted. The board wants to have clearer verbiage on contracts and calls to make sure that designs aren't being AI generated. Regarding the design work it was unanimously agreed that the artist's rendering was preferred over the AI versions. There are many problems with the design, but the hard sticking points were the following: There is a disconnect between the images and the town of Windsor. If the mural must retain aspects that don't relate to Windsor (i.e. Boardwalk, mountains, pine trees,

columbines, cowboy) then removing the words “welcome to Windsor” makes sense. If the preference is to have “Welcome to Windsor” then the design needs to be filled with elements that relate to the area. Many of these are in the artist’s rendering (local butterflies, water tower, waterfowl and sunflowers) The cowboy element was questioned. Windsor was never a cowboy town and maybe making the rider a farmer would be more in line with the town’s history. Whichever way is preferred to move forward the design will have to be created by the artist and cannot contain branding for the business in the design. Laura will be following up with Shaunette and will discuss WAC’s feedback and ways to move forward.

2. Recap of Ray Kings site visit. Ray was here and met with stakeholders, planning and concrete workers. It was brought to our attention that there are existing water and electrical easements that are close to the road. A new site plan was sketched up, and the sculpture will be placed on the same “Sidewalk to Nowhere” and we will create its own circular base that will end at the sidewalk. The concrete will be torn out to avoid the easements. A new plan is going to be drawn up and will need to be stamped by engineers. Ray is starting fabrication and will be making another visit during the concrete pour.

3. Ongoing Project Updates: CRC sculpture phase 2 will be completed during shutdown week in August. Ryan Saunter and Noelle Miller completed their mural projects. SoL deinstall and install dates are set and it will be all hands-on deck for September 5th for the grand unveiling of the new sculptures. Noblewins are still slated for late August. Chris will follow up to assure that we are on track and can get them painted before winter sets in.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Communications from Town Board- Ken: tax increase for a new Rec Center did not pass. Lack of aquatics was a major factor. Maybe in a future year the public will be more receptive. North Campus is starting in October and is looking to be ready in 2027. Chimney Park pool has been closed for repairs and looks to be opening in early August. Town hall renovation is almost done so the Town Board can have their fancy digs back. The back lots east of 5th are being worked on. Hopefully completed by the end of August. Walmart is going to be approved and fast-tracked. More than likely the ground will be broken by the end of the year and you will be able to buy your socks and undies in 2027. The bright side will be the tax revenue that the town will collect to offset the loss of Kings Soopers’ tax exemption, incentive period. Lastly the board is looking into the language to allow people to get backyard chickens. Do you want em? Yeah! Can you get em? Maybe..
2. Communications from Town of Windsor Staff-
3. Communications from WAC Members: Yappy Hour was a flop. Too hot, not well attended or publicized. No beers, bad music and overall downgrade from last year. Our artist was wonderful and Chris, Emily and Laurie had fun.

F. ADJOURN: Motion: Carrie Ferris, Second: Todd Vess
MEETING IS ADJOURNED AT 7:03 PM

Respectfully submitted by Laura Browarny, Culture Supervisor

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Community Devo.

General Fund (205)

2026 Budget **\$100,000** **\$35,030**

CDC Sulpture	\$30,000	
<i>SoL Stipends</i>	\$12,000	
Traffic Cabinets	\$4,500	
Noblewins benches	\$22,655	
<i>Community Choice SoL</i>		\$750
Rooster	\$7,630	
Depot Mural		\$1,000
Artist stipends		\$900
CaFE subscription		\$370
ArtLIVE! 6/6		\$250
ArtLIVE! 6/19		\$400
ArtLIVE! 8/18		\$250
ArtLIVE! 7/30		
ArtLIVE! 7/17		\$350
ArtLIVE! 8/15		\$250
<i>Purchase of My Surfbo</i>	\$3,000	
New member lunch		\$81
SoL CaFE		\$229
Public Relations		\$113
Concrete for Bench and Surfboard		\$1,487
<i>Site prep for Ray</i>		\$2,720

Total Encumbered	\$79,785	\$9,150
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Remaining Budget	\$20,215	\$25,880
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