



ADAMS COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 28
Waymire Dome in Riverdale Regional Park
9755 Henderson Road, Brighton, CO 80601

5:00 – Dinner | 5:30 – Meeting

- I. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Toni Marie Gallegos (Vice Chair), Carlos Jimenz, Michele Nizam, Evan Siegel
 - b. Members Absent: Robert Cope Thompson (Chair), Mallory Gillette, Carlos Jimenz, Luz Macias, Dylan Yellowlees; excused
 - c. Staff Present: Amy Smith, Cultural Arts Public Art Project Manager
- II. Motion to approve agenda
 - a. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Evan Siegel; seconded by Carlos Jimenz; no opposed – motion passed.
- III. Motion to approve March 26 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Evan Siegel; seconded by Carlos Jimenz; no opposed – motion passed.
- IV. Motion to approve May 29 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Evan Siegel; seconded by Carlos Jimenz; no opposed – motion passed.
- V. Motion to approve August 26 meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Evan Siegel; seconded by Carlos Jimenz; no opposed – motion passed.
- VI. Public Comment Period (3 minutes per resident) – None

VII. Project Updates

a. Taza Gallery

- i. On View: Artist Leilani Nobuko Derr; *CHIMERA, CRYPTIDS, AND YOKAI*: An exploration in identity, multiculturalism, and personal mythology
- ii. Up through November.
- iii. Next Up: Artist Melody Epperson with Jimena Peck; *From Dust to Apples*: The Colors of the Eastern Plains
- iv. On view from December 1st through the end of March.

b. Human Services Center Rotating Sculpture Program

- i. On view: Look at Us Now by artist Grace Gutierrez.
- ii. Up next: *Say It with Flowers*, by artist Eileen Roscina.
 1. The installation is Inspired by research into Adams County's cut flower industry. Materials are sourced from greenhouses and open spaces in Adams County.
- iii. ACE Recommendation to share the sculpture program through the HSC newsletter.

c. Parks Maintenance Facility

- i. *Nest* by James Peterson installed in September.
 1. Community engagement with sculpture students at Riverdale Ridge High School.
 2. Ribbon cutting on October 20th. Arts & Culture Commission and artist selected panel represented by Toni Marie Gallegos.
- ii. *Landscape Gallery* by artist Leilani Nobuko Derr. Interior components installed in September. Exterior elements will be installed in Spring of 2026.

d. Riverdale Animal Shelter Water Tank Mural

- i. Artist will return in Spring 2026 to make repairs to sealant application.

- e. 58th Avenue Gateway Mural
 - i. *Letters for the Better* by Jolt and CoCo of Guerilla Garden.
 - ii. Community engagement, design, and painting with youth in the Keystone Leadership program at the Suncor Boys & Girls Club in Commerce City.
 - iii. Ribbon cutting with Community members, youth artists & their families, and Adams County Public Works.
 - f. Poet Laureate Residency
 - i. Aerik Francis was appointed as the second Adams County Poet Laureate.
 - ii. Reception honoring Aerik Francis on Thursday, November 6th at 5:30 pm. Light refreshments and a performance by our new Poet Laureate.
 - g. *Dirt*, a sculpture by Libby Barbee
 - i. Installed in September. Constructed from a retired grain bin with rotating images of decomposing soil.
 - h. Festival Latino
- VIII. Upcoming Projects
- a. Bongo Love tree carving
 - i. Concept: Phoenix, created in honor of *Moon Song*
 - ii. Installation later this year.
 - b. Pecos Street Median Artwork – Artist Selection
 - i. Call-For-Entry in early 2026
 - ii. Panel will be made up of Arts & Culture Commission Members, community members,
 - c. Michael Stutz Project
 - i. Revisiting a 2023 recommendation from the South Parks Artist Selection Panel recommended developing a project with finalist Michael Stutz.

ii. Motion to recommend developing a project with artist Michael Stutz.

1. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Carlos Jimenez; seconded by Michele Nizam no opposed – motion passed.

a. ACE recommendation to develop a public art project with artist Michale Stutz. With advisement to continue maintaining a balance between open calls-for-entry and other artist selection processes.

IX. 2025 Events

a. Thursday, November 6: Poet Laureate Welcome Reception, 5pm – 6:30 pm

b. Jeannette Angel representing the artist selection panel.

X. 2026 Meetings

a. Dates to come

b. The Board of County Commissioners is accepting applications for open seats on the Arts & Culture Commission.

XI. Motion to Adjourn

a. Motion made by Toni Marie Gallegos; moved by Michele Nizam; seconded by Carlos Jimenz; no opposed – motion passed.