



ADAMS COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Adams County Parks Operations Building
9500 Riverdale Road, Thornton, CO 80229

5:00 – Dinner | 5:30 – Meeting

- I. Roll Call
- II. Motion to approve agenda
 - a. Moved by Kelly Ross; seconded by Sara Mansch-Hare; no opposed – motion passed.
- III. Motion to approve March 31, 2026, meeting minutes
 - a. Moved by George Mazzotti; seconded by Kitty LaDonne; no opposed – motion passed.
- IV. Public Comment Period (3 minutes per resident) – None
- V. Project Updates
 - a. Pecos Street Median Artwork
 - i. Artist selection panel award recommendation: David Ocelotl
 - ii. Proposal inspired by Community & Identity; Building Industry & Technology; Agriculture & Farming; Transportation & Railroads; Water Conservation & Awareness; Native Heritage & Indigenous Movement
 - iii. Next Steps: Study Session with the Board of County Commissioners, Public Hearing, and contract execution.
 - b. Sculptures at City View Park

- i. Residents invited to vote on artwork design options from artist Pard Morrison.
- c. Poet Laureate Program
 - i. First year programming recap
 - 1. 9 programs/events; total program attendance 278
 - 2. 4 public performances; total performance attendance 457
 - 3. 62.1% increase in average attendance at National Poetry Month Workshops.
 - ii. Call-For-Poetry for the Poet Laureate Anthology
 - 1. Theme: Chromatic Conversations is an anthology that reflects on the colors and chronicles of Colorado and the people who call it home. With a connection to the sesquicentennial, poets are invited to explore Colorado's narrative and their own and bring that past into a conversation with the future.
 - 2. Submissions are open to all, now through August 30.
- d. Taza Gallery
 - i. Current Exhibition: *The Middle of Knowing* by Tricia Waddell
 - ii. Next: Homecoming by Javier Flores
 - 1. Biennale of the Americas Culture Hop Artist Talk on Friday, July 10 at 11am
- e. Entryway Mural at South Parks Operations Facility by artist Leilani Derr
 - i. Exterior components completed in May 2026
- f. Artwork at Riverdale Animal Shelter - Otomi Heart by Bimmer Torres & Dirt by Libby Barbee
 - i. Event celebrating Riverdale Animal Shelter art & facility improvements on Thursday, August 27th at 9am
- g. HSC Sculpture Program

- i. On View through November: *Liminal Courtyard* by artist Lilian Lara
 - h. Adams County Pride
 - i. 2026 Artists: Alex Gomez, Katie Kindle, Teague McDaniel, Leilani Derr, bARter Collective
- VI. Upcoming Selection Panels
 - a. Fairgrounds Mural
 - i. Call-For-Entry launching in Q3 2026
 - ii. Artistic Vision: Contemporary Western
 - iii. Artist selection panel will include three members of the Arts & Culture Commission
 - b. Poet Laureate Anthology
 - i. Panel of readers will include two members of the Arts & Culture Commission
 - c. Riverdale Bluffs Public Art
 - i. Project is in feasibility phase with planned launch in Q3 2026
 - d. Welby Median Art
 - i. Project is in feasibility phase with planned launch in Q3 2027
 - ii. Artistic Vision: Agricultural history of Welby
- VII. 2026 Event Dates
 - a. Friday, July 10: Artist talk with Javier Flores
 - b. July 29 – August 2: Adams County Fair
 - c. Thursday, August 13: ADCO PL Open Mic at Reunion Coffee
 - d. Sunday, September 13: Festival Latino, RRP
 - e. Saturday, September 19: Welby Days, Rotella
 - f. Saturday, September 26: Dragonboat Riverdale Regatta
 - g. Friday, November 13: The Exchange with ADCO PL Aerik Francis
 - h. Thursday, December 3: ADCO PL Open Mic at Anythink Brighton
- VIII. 2026 Quarterly Meeting Dates
 - a. Q3: Tuesday, August 25, 2026

b. Q4: Tuesday, November 17, 2026

IX. Motion to adjourn

a. Motion made by Kelly Ross; seconded by Kitty LeDonne; no opposed – motion passed.