



MANITOU ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

This meeting will be in person only.

Memorial Hall

606 Manitou Ave, Manitou Springs CO 80829

January 16, 2025

MINUTES

5:30 PM

I. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:32 pm **and ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:

Ralph Routon
Marcus Medina
Wren Almitra
Peter Sommers
Kinsey Watts
Mark Lee
Jason Wells; alternate member

ALSO PRESENT:

Judith Chandler, City Council Liaison
Rebecca Davis, Staff Support

ABSENT & EXCUSED:

Neale Minch
Nancy Wilson; alternate voting member

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Approved 7 to 0, with addition of Tier 2 Grants Discussion item

III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA** – No member of the public present (Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

IV. **REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL LIAISON & STAFF** – None by staff, Counciler Chandler spoke briefly

V. **BUSINESS**

Tier 2 grants Discussion items

Overall: 58 applied, 59 last year, Lulu's. Total of \$300,000 last year, but also rejected \$93,000 out of hand. This year \$272,551, quality better. Might have to cut \$120,000 or more, rejecting or partials.

Passthroughs. At least five with addresses outside Manitou Springs, no letter from Manitou nonprofit, need passthrough letters to be eligible. Most are mini-grants. (I sent emails to all, and three have responded favorably. Still waiting on the other two.)

District 14: Several applicants from artists or instructors doing programs at D-14 schools instead of the school applying. That way they're paid directly. But do they need a letter? Clarify for next year?

Cost per participant: Sent by Neale, worth checking for some, not for all. (Most are included in an attachment with this packet.)

Grading: Feel free to change grades, up or down. Also utilize the notes function. Good way to remind yourself that a grant might be better off with 50-75 percent funding. My username is wrong, it's brooksidegirl1948 if anyone wonders.

Issue for later: Be thinking about how to approach it. We know we have a lot to trim. Best way seems to be like last year, go through and decide on partial funding as we go, with full funding for others. See

where we are at the end, perhaps add some back. Suggestions? Think about it. (I skipped over this but we'll discuss it later.)

Option for future: Becca, if we have approved grants for 2026, should those checks be distributed later than the first batch for 2025? - Yes, at end of 2025, by December 31

Precedents: Be careful about paying to purchase equipment. Or for book/album projects. Those seem more for grantees' business purposes than directly benefiting Manitou residents.

Beware: Some requests might be good ideas, but don't include samples of work, location and other key details. Not our job to follow up.

City matter: Review Manny Pulido/7 keystones Cairn project funding. Will change SOPs before we finish this process. Already in the works with Becca, Denise and myself.

VI. DISCUSSION OF TOPICS FOR A FUTURE BOARD MEETING OR WORKSESSION - no new topics

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – vote to go into Executive session at 6:06 pm 7-0

- 1. An executive session to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators, concerning recovery of unused MACH grant funds.**

Came out of Executive Session at 7:20 with the decision: negotiations will continue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - Adjourned at 7:22

Board Members:

Ralph Routon (07/31/2025)
Kinsey Watts (07/31/2025)
Wren Almitra (7/31/2026)
Mark Lee (07/31/2028)
Marcus Medina (07/31/2026)
Neale Minch (07/31/2028)
Peter Sommers (07/31/2028)

Staff and Liaisons:

Judith Chandler, Council Liaison
Rebecca Davis, Finance Director

Alternates:

Jason Wells (7/31/2028)
Nancy Wilson (7/31/2027)

1 alternate position available

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