



MANITOU ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

All upcoming MACH meetings are scheduled to be remote, via Zoom. A link is provided on the City's Official Website at

<https://www.manitouspringsgov.com/544/All-Boards-and-Commissions>

February 6, 2025

5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Ralph Routon

Marcus Medina

Wren Almitra

Peter Sommers

Kinsey Watts

Mark Lee

Neale Minch

Jason Wells; alternate voting member

Nancy Wilson; alternate member (arrived at 5:15 pm)

ABSENT:

STAFF:

Becca Davis

Amanda Robinson, Minutes

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON:

Judith Chandler

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Motion to approve made by Neale Minch with a second from Wren Almitra.
Motion passes with 8 in favor and 0 opposed.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. January 23, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve made by Marcus Medina, with a second from Wren Almitra. Motion passes with 5 in favor and 0 opposed and two abstentions.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA

(Please limit your comments to 3 minutes)

V. REPORTS - CITY COUNCIL LIAISON & STAFF

- Judith announced the upcoming Carnegie ribbon cutting and grand opening, with free parking and shuttle service provided. Ralph added that it coincides with the 1st Friday event, which includes free admission to Miramont Castle.
- Becca didn't have any report this week but will have one next week with the final December numbers.

VI. BUSINESS

1. Steps to Finish First-Pass Review of Tier 2 Regular Grants

A. Start with Check on How Late Grading has Affected Ratings

- The board briefly discussed the impact of late grading on grant ratings, with some grants moving up or down a rating.
- They also discussed the Miramont Castle Request being allowable per Council but perhaps should be held off until the end since it is a tier 1 grant.
- The Gift Bags for the Homeless Request, being a topic of division among the board. There was discussion surrounding whether it was in alignment with Plan Manitou and the alignment of the goals within MACH, particularly in the areas of health and wellness. Judy points out from a Council standpoint it could be considered a social service. Wildfires are a concern, and duplicating social services are an issue. Poetry and Pottery is brought up as a counterpoint, and the viewpoint is that they don't serve homelessness necessarily so much as provide poetry as an outlet.
- Miramont and Gift Bags will be set aside.

B. Continue one-by-one Review of Applications with Lowest Average Scores, considering any Remaining Grants for No Funding or Partial Funding

- The board finished going over the grants rated up to 6 and determined whether to provide no or partial funding. Some grants such as World Dance Festival received recommendations for full funding despite the lower rating.

C. Address any Grants Rated with 7s yet still might warrant Partial Funding

- The Board decided to review the 7 ratings to see if they could fund any partial grants to get closer to the projected budget.

D. Share Ideas to Consider for Hitting Projected Available Tier 2 Funding

2. If Not Covered Already, Consider Whether to Recommend Contingency Approvals

3. Discuss Plan for Feb. 13 Meeting and Decide Whether to Plan for Feb 20 Meeting

Ralph's hope is to get through everything on the 13th so there is no need to meet on the 20th.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

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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