

Arts and Cultural Events Council Meeting
Thursday, May 1, 2025 at 2:00 PM
Council Chambers

Minutes

- I. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by chairman David Wohl.

In attendance: Mayor Brad Belt and Council member Russell Berner
Program Manager Caroline Wall and Communications Manager Meredith Blair
Arts Council Members: David Wohl, Bill Blizard, Joan Collar, Jodi Rush, Becky Hilstad, Kimberly Adele, Rob Cushman, Kristin Thompson

- II. Approval of minutes
a. Arts & Cultural Event Meeting Minutes of April 3rd, 2025

Minutes approved unanimously.

- III. Old Business:
a. 24-25 Arts and Cultural Events Season Calendar and Financial Review

19th Annual Blues by the Sea Festival at the end of April went over well as usual, the Council praised the crowd and bands.

Joan Collar spoke on her final piano bars and film series that were well-attended.

The Council reviewed plans and tasks for Piccolo Preview presented by Jodi Rush. Rob Cushman will be taking over the Piccolo Preview series in future seasons and is serving as a co-event coordinator for the event.

Caroline Wall presented an updated financial revenue, focusing on the finalized box office revenue amounts for the season which was about \$83,000. David Wohl requested a full financial report be prepared for the next meeting if all accounts are finalized.

- IV. New Business

- a. Mayor Belt Address

Mayor Belt spoke to the Council about additional cultural programming being pursued by the Town, separate from the Arts Council. Mayor Belt used this time to explain the new initiative, get feedback from the Council, and help determine the division between the Town's cultural programming and the Arts Council performing arts season.

- b. Update on 25-26 Season Planning

Program Manager Caroline shared updates on 25-26 season events and to get missing details to advance shows.

Caroline Wall presented the Bacon Brothers request for an increased offer to the Council, which was approved to pursue.

c. Update on Branding and newsletter Platform Switch

Caroline Wall alerted the Arts Council that the Communications team has switched E-news platforms to MailChimp.

Re-branding was discussed, nothing to move forward on at this time.

V. Correspondence

a. Artists for consideration

Caroline reminded the Council to check their email for artist proposals that have been sent in.

VI. Chairman's Comments

None

VII. Public Comments

None

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35PM.