

Arts & Culture Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 11th 2017

Time: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Boettcher Foundation Office, 600 17th Street, Suite 2210

Attendees

Committee Members:

1. Katie Kramer, Committee Chair
2. Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore
3. Jack Finlaw
4. Bill Myers
5. Yolanda Ortega
6. Mary Helen Sandoval
7. Elaine Torres
8. Erin Trapp

City Staff:

1. Diane Barrett
2. Jerry Tinianow
3. Brad Dodson
4. Michael Sapp
5. Kwali Farbes
6. Tom Migaki
7. Paul Schmiechen

Members of the Public:

None Present

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcoming comments by Committee Chair Katie Kramer
- Call for public comment (no attendees)

Project Presentation: Denver Center for the Performing Arts

- Janice Sinden, President and CEO, provided an overview of the DCPA, including the history, scale, programmatic offerings and economic impact of the center.

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- The DCPA described proposed capital investments, which included a renovation of the Bonfils Theatre Complex's Stage Theatre and improved public spaces and backstage support areas.

Project Presentation: Denver Art Museum

- Denver Art Museum Director Christoph Heinrich and Deputy Director Andrea Fulton provided an overview and history of the museum and highlighted its importance both locally and nationally.
- Heinrich and Fulton described their requests for bond proceeds to make improvements in and around the North Building in support of the art museum master plan. These improvements include mechanical, electrical and conveyance system upgrades as well as campus connectivity enhancements.

Project Presentation: Denver Museum of Nature & Science

- The Denver Museum of Nature & Science presentation was led by Ed Scholz, Vice President of Finance, who reviewed the history, mission and activities of the museum.
- Scholz and his colleagues described their request for addressing critical deferred maintenance in major HVAC equipment and enhancements to the museum's life safety systems.

Subcommittee Debrief and Deliberations

- Commented that Arts and Culture projects will be an important part of the overall GO bond portfolio and that any and all of the projects presented could be recommended to the Executive Committee
- Committee members reviewed each of the six presentations and discussed items they found compelling as well as any questions that remained. Members commented on how the institutions described their proposed projects in light of their master plans and how they had thoughtfully considered deferred and ongoing maintenance needs in addition to programmatic expansions.
- Committee members discussed geographic equity and outreach by the cultural institutions to underserved communities. They also discussed fundraising challenges.
- Committee Chair Katie Kramer and Diane Barrett, the Mayor's Office representative, offered to take the committees initial thoughts to the Executive Committee pending a final recommendation. It was decided that one additional meeting may be necessary.

Closing Comments

- Committee Chair Katie Kramer again thanked committee members for their involvement and thoughtful discussion and adjourned the meeting.