



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: VANESSA AGEE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
RE: FRISCO ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS STAFF MEMO
DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Summary and Background:

In January 2023, Town Council approved through resolution the [Frisco Five-Year Arts and Culture Strategic Plan](#), which recommends the creation of a Frisco Arts and Culture Council (FACC). Subsequently, [Ordinance 23-01](#) was passed by Town Council on January 24, 2023 establishing the Frisco Arts and Culture Council.

Town Council appointed seven members in May 2023, after receiving 12 applications for the FACC. In July 2023, two of the appointed FACC members, Mark Addison and Jessica Johnson, notified the Town that they would be unable to continue to serve on the FACC due to personal and scheduling issues. Subsequently, Council Members Andy Held and Elizabeth Skrzypczak-Adrian were supplied with the five applications from those not appointed in May, and Council Member Held asked staff to reopen the application process, which remained open from July 20-28 and resulted in three additional applications.

Current FACC members:

- Daymon Pascual- three-year term- Frisco resident and business owner
- Megan Testin- three-year term- Frisco resident
- Melissa Sherburne- two-year term- Frisco resident
- Todd Altschuler- two-year term- Frisco resident and business owner
- Alison Lindsey- one year term- Frisco resident

Summary of the requirements for the FACC membership:

- 1- Seven members appointed by Town Council
- 2- Three year terms- the terms of each of the initial members of the Arts Council shall be staggered as follows in order to ensure that no more than three members' terms expire in any one year, and to ensure ample opportunity for diverse individuals to serve as a member of the Arts Council: initially three members shall be appointed for a term of three years, two members shall be appointed to serve a term of two years, and two members shall be appointed to serve for one year.
- 3- Members to serve no more than nine years but may be considered for additional terms when a break of 365 days or more is taken between terms.
- 4- Member attendance requirements- members may be removed if they fail to attend three consecutive regular meetings or if they miss one-half or more of the regular meetings in

any twelve-month period. Town Council may waive this requirement if unusual circumstances justify the absence.

- 5- At least five FACC members shall be residents of the Town of Frisco or owners of a business with a valid business license with the Town of Frisco. Two members of FACC may be appointed without regard to their status as residents or business owners in Frisco.
- 6- The ordinance also suggests, rather than requires, that one Town Council member may be appointed as a liaison to the FACC with voting rights. Council Member Held was appointed to this position by Town Council in May.

The FACC is supported by two non-voting Town staff members, Rose Gorrell and Vanessa Agee, who have been acting as a conduit between the FACC, other Town staff, and Town Council. Town staff also arrange the meeting location, distribute the agenda, provide draft meeting minutes for approval by the FACC, and allocate Town resources as available with direction from the FACC.

Analysis:

Council Members Andy Held and Elizabeth Skrzypczak-Adrian were selected by Town Council in the spring of 2023 to review FACC applications and make recommendations. After reviewing the five applications from May 2023 and three additional applications from July 2023, Council Members Held and Skrzypczak-Adrian made a recommendation to appoint Jamie Callahan and Diane Harty Schlaefer to replace the two FACC members who stepped down in July. Subsequently, staff assigned their respective terms through a random drawing; as the remainder of a three-year term and a one-year term are open.

- Jamie Callahan- remainder of a three-year term- Frisco resident
- Diane Harty Schlaefer- remainder of a one-year term- Frisco business owner

Financial Impact:

The 2023 approved capital budget for public art is \$75,000.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Arts and culture programming supports an inclusive community where diverse ideas and interests are welcome and vibrancy is valued and grown and inspires a thriving economy by encouraging economic activity and supporting economic diversity.

Environmental Sustainability:

Public art may be used to express community values around environmental sustainability and making decisions about art and culture through this lens can support what kind of art, events, and materials are selected and supported.

Staff Recommendation:

Council is being asked to vote on the recommended appointment of Jamie Callahan and Diane Harty Schlaefer to the Frisco Arts and Culture Council.

Reviews and Approvals:

Tom Fisher, Town Manager
Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments

No attachments