

City Council

Special Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
City Hall, Council Chambers
749 Main Street
6:00 PM

Members of the public are welcome to attend remotely; however, the in-person meeting may continue even if technology issues prevent remote participation.

- You can call in to **+1 719 359 4580 or 877 853 5247 (Toll Free)**, Webinar ID **#876 9127 0986**.
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The Council will accommodate public comments during the meeting. Anyone may also email comments to the Council prior to the meeting at Council@LouisvilleCO.gov.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. JOINT MEETING WITH CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD

- Staff/Commission Presentation
- Public Comments (Please limit to three minutes each)
- Council Discussion/Direction

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS (Louisville Charter, Section 5-2(c) and C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a))

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The City Manager is Requesting the City Council Convene an Executive Session for the Purpose of Real Property Acquisitions Concerning Properties in Louisville Only as to Appraisals and Other Value Estimates and Strategy.

- **Requests for Executive Session**
- **City Clerk Statement**
- **City Attorney Statement of Authority**
- **City Council Action on Motion for Executive Session**
- **Council Convenes Executive Session**
- **Council Reconvenes in Open Meeting**

5. REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION – DISCUSSION / DIRECTION / ACTION – REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS / DISPOSITIONS

6. ADJOURN

SUBJECT: CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING CULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)

DATE: MAY 13, 2025

PREPARED BY: IRIS BELENSKY, ARTS & EVENTS PROGRAM MANAGER

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SUMMARY:

The City Council tries to meet annually with each of the City's advisory boards to discuss Council's Work Plan, the board's work plan, and alignment of the two, provide direction and discuss matters of mutual interest.

Current members of the CAB include: Chair JR Ketelsen, Mohamed Ghali, Roger Keeler, Alexander Phillips-Messner, Reina Pomeroy, and Sarah Staunton.

BACKGROUND / PRIOR DISCUSSIONS:

Council meets annually with the Cultural Advisory Board.

ANALYSIS:

N/A - this is a discussion opportunity for Council to provide direction.

2025 COUNCIL WORK PLAN:

Opportunity to discuss the alignment of the Council Work Plan with the Board Work Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Budgeted?: **Not Applicable**

ALTERNATIVE(S):

N/A - this is discussion.

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council to provide feedback and guidance related to the 2025 board work plan and goals as well as alignment with the adopted 2025 City Council Work Plan.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Staff Presentation



City Council & Cultural Advisory Board 2025 Joint Meeting

May 13, 2025

Mayor: Chris Leh
Board Chair: JR Ketelsen
Liaison: Iris Belensky



Purpose and Expectations

- Annual joint meeting with City Council
- Overview of CAB role
- 2025 City Council Priorities and Work Plan
- 2025 CAB Priorities
- Discussion/Direction from City Council



Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Role
- Tenure on Council/CAB/with the City

Cultural Advisory Board Role

Advisory to city council.

Louisville Municipal Code

- Sec. 2.20.020. – Boards and Commissions - General
Except as otherwise provided by the charter or by ordinance, each board and commission shall be advisory in character.
- Sec. 2.20.070 – Cultural Advisory Board
The board shall serve in an advisory capacity to the city council in matters related to the arts and culture. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board shall be as set forth by city council resolution.

Resolution No. 59, Series 2023

- The Board shall have the following responsibilities and such other duties as may be assigned by the City Council:
 - A. *Advise the City Council and staff in connection with cultural programming, the future development of arts and culture in Louisville, and matters that support the equal rights and opportunity to participate in culture.*
 - B. *Advise the City Council and staff on the allocation of funds in support of the arts, including the City of Louisville Arts Grants Program and the Arts and Events capital and operating budgets.*
 - C. *Advise the City Council and staff in matters relating to the City's Cultural Arts Master Plan, including advising on master plan updates and medium - and long- term planning for arts and events.*
 - D. *Plan and execute an annual outdoor concert series.*

Other Key Guidance

- All City Boards are subject to the Colorado Open Records Act and Open Meeting rules in the Home Rule Charter.
- Rules of Procedure are in place for all boards. These cover meeting civility, general rules, meeting requirements and more.
- Bylaws – Updates coming
- New quasi-judicial role

2025 Council Work Plan

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Four Priorities:

- Economic Vitality
- Core Services
- Safety
- Affordable Housing

Two lenses:

- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI)
- Environmental Sustainability

2025 Proposed Work Plan Cultural Advisory Board

2024 CAB Highlights

- Advised, strategized and volunteered actively on A&E's most dynamic and complete year of events
 - 27 total events in 2024 (23 were one-offs and summer concerts)
 - Over 20,000 total attendees across all 2024 events



2024 CAB Highlights

- Advised on development and installation of 3 public art projects



2024 CAB Highlights

- Organized and executed 5 Summer Concerts
- Selected and distributed 5 Art Grants for a total of \$10,000
- Developed new scoring matrix and evaluation process for Arts Grants & redesigned Arts Grants application



2024 CAB Highlights

- Establishing new cultural traditions in Louisville
- Developed greater unity as a team through successful transition to Advisory Board role
- Increased efficiency as a volunteer body

2025 CAB Priorities – Related to Council's Work Plan

- Economic Vitality
 - Arts & Events directly effect economic vitality by attracting visitors and encouraging local spending
 - We work directly with local businesses and food trucks for many of our events
 - Arts & Events make a place a home and thus contribute to attracting new residents and businesses
 - Prime example: Movie on Main St



2025 CAB Priorities – Related to Council's Work Plan

- EDI
 - Board Diversity
 - Arts Grants – bolstered EDI as an evaluation criteria
 - Event Diversity
 - Diverse topics
 - Diverse partners
 - Diverse audiences



2025 CAB Priorities – Related to Council's Work Plan

- Sustainability
 - Exploring options to make our largest annual events zero-waste
 - Encouraging alternate modes of transportation to events
 - Working with SCRAPS to see how we can make our largest events zero-waste
 - Researching plant-based food truck options

Proposed 2025 CAB Work Plan Priorities not included on City Council's Adopted Plan

- Maintaining established rhythm for event schedule by providing new ideas and facilitating connections
- Support the development of a vision for public art in Louisville
- Support the expansion and increase the cohesion of the arts community in Louisville
- Research the possibility for a performing arts center

Council Guidance

Opportunity for discussion/direction from council:

- Anything else the board should consider related to the council work plan?
- Council guidance on the non-work plan items?

Important considerations:

- *Are all items in the purview of the board and advisory to council in nature?*
- *Is this what council needs from the board?*

Thank you!

- To the Board members for your leadership and time as volunteers!
- To staff for your work!
- Next Steps:
 - Council looks forward to continued work with each board and commission
 - APRIL – Recommendations for interim budget due
 - MAY – Recommendations for 2026 Council Work Plan due
 - NOVEMBER – Recommendations for 2026 Legislative agenda due