

# **LITTLETON ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION CHARTER AND ACTION PLAN DRAFT**

The Littleton Arts & Culture Commission (LACC) was created by an act of the Littleton City Council and is charged with encouraging and supporting the growth and expansion of culture and the arts in the community in the areas of visual arts, theater, film, music, dance, history, and humanities. They promote, publicize, and advocate for activities that support awareness and creativity in the community.

## **VISION**

A vibrant, collaborative, and creative Littleton where arts and culture are defining features of the community's identity and unique character.

## **MISSION/VALUES**

The Littleton Arts & Culture Commission was established to foster a community where all residents may engage with the arts and where creativity thrives and is valued. The mission of the LACC is drawn from Littleton's core values, guiding principles, shared priorities, and concerns embodied in the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan.

Through public support of the arts, the City of Littleton enhances the quality of life, drives economic development, encourages citizen participation, fosters cultural awareness, promotes tourism, and supports the vibrancy of the community.

The LACC works to celebrate and nurture Littleton's cultural and artistic diversity, ensuring that Littleton is a place where arts and culture thrive and all community members and visitors can engage in and experience the arts and culture in all its forms. The LACC nurtures creative expression, celebrates diversity, builds creative public spaces, and showcases Littleton as a thriving destination for arts and culture.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Raise the profile of arts and cultural programs and activities and promote the positive role they play in civic life
- Bring together and organize essential arts and cultural elements and other stakeholder groups in the community to foster a collaborative approach to arts and cultural issues
- Develop, prioritize, and recommend strategies for funding current and future arts and culture needs
- Build community support for arts and cultural endeavors by the City
- Serve as a public forum for community engagement on arts and culture issues
- Review and make recommendations to City Council that facilitate these policies

- Become a city that attracts and encourages artists to reside and thrive in the community
- Be the credible voice to advocate for arts and culture in Littleton

## STRUCTURE

The Littleton Arts Commission will be comprised of nine (9) voting members, which initially may include one (1) representative each from the Museum Board, Fine Arts Board, and Library Board; one (1) representative each from four (4) local arts and cultural organizations; two (2) representatives chosen at-large from the business community; one (1) non-voting City Council liaison; and one (1) or more non-voting City staff liaisons. Members of the LACC will either reside within the Littleton city limits or represent an organization operating within the city limits.

During the start-up period, members of the LACC shall serve staggered terms as follows: Three (3) members shall serve 3-year terms beginning in 2020; three (3) members shall serve 2-year terms beginning in 2020; three (3) members shall serve 1-year terms beginning in 2020. The representatives from the Museum Board, Fine Arts Board, and Library Board shall be designated to serve the 1-year terms. As terms expire, new members shall be appointed to serve 3-year terms.

## STAFF LIAISONS

As appointed by the City Manager