



## Cortez Public Art Advisory Committee (CPAAC)

### Agenda

February 2, 2026, 5 PM

Cortez City Hall, Mesa Verde Room

#### **Mission Statement**

The Cortez Public Arts Advisory Committee is committed to enriching the cultural environment and experiences of the people of the City of Cortez through education, sustainable support, coordination, and promotion of the arts.

#### **Vision Statement**

The Cortez Public Arts Advisory Committee is a community asset that affirms the value and necessity of arts as an integral component of the quality of life and the economy of the City of Cortez.

Attendance: Jake McIntosh, Daniel Osborne, Tai Rogers, (community member), Desiree Henderson, Malinda Mascarenas, Rachel Medina, Helen West

1. **Call to Order:** 5:12 PM
2. **Introduction of those present:**
  - a. Public Input/ Comments:
3. Approval of minutes from December 1, 2025 meeting – motion Osborne, second McIntosh
4. **Presentation:**
5. **New Business:**
  - a. Election of Officers – Henderson nominates Daniel Osborne for Chair, Erik Quiroz for Vice Chair, and Desiree Henderson as Secretary. McIntosh seconds, motion passes unanimously.
  - b. City Council Presentation – The Committee decides to postpone the presentation until after April 2026 when the new Council will be seated.
  - c. Committee Vacancies – There is a youth representative vacancy.
6. **Old Business:**
  - a. 2026 Work Plan - West will publish the 2026 Work Plan online.
  - b. Third Thursdays Planning - West will draft an email, social media posts, and flyers to this and provide to the committee for review.
7. **Update from Committee Members:**
  - a. Cortez Creative Arts District – Board retreat was postponed; next meeting is next Monday. Quiroz secured more funding from CHFA for Board operations.

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- b. Cortez Chamber of Commerce - nothing
  - c. McIntosh will be playing at the Zu Gallery for Saint Patrick's Day.
  - d. Cortez City Council – **is making Valentine's Day cards.**
  - e. West – These is interested on the State level for creating a sort of Artist Tax Credit bill. More information on this initiative can be found at: <https://www.artistcorporations.com/>.
  - f. There was discussion on how the committee can assist the local artis community. Ideas included (1) how to engage with local artists, and if business newsletters should be re-worded/styled to speak directly to the arts community; (2) if the committee create more social media themed artist resources, (3) if the committee could create or support workshops for artists such how to or what does it mean to submit a sales tax license. This opened a conversation into Strategic Planning for the Arts Committee, potentially in cooperation with other arts organizations such as the Arts District and Cultura Center. Other ideas for the Arts Committee projects included (1) advocating for a percent of funding for remodeling a city owned building should go to public art (as the state included 1% of allocation to public art), (2) highlighting artist on social media, (3) and clearly defining the Scope of Arts Committee and other arts organizations in town. Strategic Planning and Scope Planning was agreed to be discussed at future meetings.
  - g. School Community Youth Collaborative – Finished collaboration with Mancos School District and Mancos Creative District for the “Wizard of Oz” production. Mancos Creative District is looking into funding for expanding the Mancos Theater Productions. Mancos Creative District is continuing to explore management of the Mancos Opera House. There will be a fundraiser for SCYC on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM at the Sunflower Theater screening of the “Lorax.”
  - h. Mancos Cult Movie for this month is “Office space.”
- 8. Adjourn:** 6:06 PM
- 9. Next Meeting:** Monday, March 2 @ 5:00 PM