## **Cheyenne Theater Meeting Minutes**

## October 6, 2025

**Attending:** Board Members Pat Cress, Tye Faulkender, Margyre Antholz, Robert Martinez, and Robert Grace; Manager Jessica Lee; and City Council Representative Dara Carmichael.



## We have a quorum.

The <u>minutes of the September 22, 2025</u>, meeting were emailed in advance. **The minutes** were approved by a motion by Pat and second by Margyre.

The treasurer's report was reviewed, and **approved with a motion by Pat and a second by Robert G.** 

Robert Grace then announced his resignation from the theater Board. He said this:

"The reason that I'm resigning from the Theater Board--after more than 35 years of volunteering--is a recent policy decision by the City of St. Francis which I find harmful to the environment and therefore to my children and grandchildren.

"I met with the City Council over a period of two months at four different meetings, concerning the billing of solar power and retail net metering.

"In the end, the Council revoked their current policy and subsequently adopted the most pro-carbon, anti-solar policy that they could legally adopt.

"Since I have solar panels that would be affected by this new policy, I offered, twice, to be excluded from the policy that I was proposing, so that I would have no financial gain from it.

"I merely wanted the City's policy to be welcoming to future rooftop solar, using retail net metering, as a means of encouraging more rooftop solar by other residents.

"It should be noted that many states and large power companies utilize the policy that I proposed: it's a common policy with well-run and profitable electricity providers.

"My one-year old granddaughter loves it when I hold her up to the fish tanks in the local museum, where she is fascinated by the fish swimming in the brightly colored coral.

"Sienna isn't old enough to know that when she is 15 years old, much more of the world's coral will be bleached white and dying because of rising sea temperatures.

"These dangerously high water temperatures are the direct result of a hotter atmosphere, and that atmosphere is being warmed even more rapidly by the solar policy that the City of St. Francis adopted.

"Given this dangerous and harmful policy, I can no longer, in good faith, volunteer to help the City."

After some discussion Pat volunteered to become the new president of the Board. **Tye moved,** and **Robert M. seconded a motion to elect Pat as president, and it passed unanimously.** 

The Board asked Dara if she wanted to become a regular member of the theater board after she leaves the City Council in November. Dara said that she would think about it.

Robert G. then reported that **he is currently the owner of the theater's domain name**, www.cheyennetheater.com, and that he has been paying for the website hosting fees and domain name registration for the last 15 years.

Robert said he would donate the domain name to the City, if they promise to host a website. Obviously, the Theater/City will now have to pay for the hosting of the site and domain name registration.

**Dara said that the City wants to keep the domain name,** and they have asked Matt if he wanted to do it, and have him update the website.

Jessica said that she does not want to update the website, so we think that the City needs to provide someone to do it.

Robert said that the City needs to have someone with technical knowledge of this procedure contact him soon, as the **next website update will occur in one week.** 

Jessica said that the October 31st *Holidaze* special movie is going okay, as she thinks that she is finding employees.

Some confusion has occurred, however, as Ericka Weick reported that when she tried to pick up some applications for City employment for others, to help get volunteers to work at the Holidaze movie, the **City office didn't want to provide the blank application forms.** 

The Board thought that the City had offered to let people fill out an application, then be unpaid, so that they could volunteer to work at the theater. The Board likes that solution, as it is difficult on occasion to staff movies, because of the many school-related conflicts that our young employees often encounter.

**Dara said that she would check into this issue,** as the Board is unclear on what the actual policy is.

Jessica also said that she needs help on the October 31st, Halloween, movie, as several employees have conflicts. **Pat said that he would help, and Robert M. said that he might be** able to do it.

Jessica said that the theater will work the Thrift Store again in about two weeks.

Robert noted that he has been changing the eight heat pump filters every six months, and **Pat** and **Tye volunteered to take over that job.** 

The next regular meeting will be November 3rd, 2025.

We adjourned at 6:25 PM.