

RESOLUTION NO. 15-26

**A Resolution of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Honoring Susan Connelly**

WHEREAS, Susan Connelly brought an eclectic background and skill set to Chautauqua, one that included practicing law in land use and real estate; serving as Community Development Director for the Town of Vail, as Deputy Commissioner in the City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development, and as Vice President for Community Design at one of the first “green” homebuilders in Boulder; and

WHEREAS, Susan successfully met the challenges of balancing an understanding of the passionate and differing interests of stakeholders and those who love Chautauqua, with mindfully stewarding Chautauqua’s evolution so that it could remain relevant and resilient in its second century while maintaining its historic character and essential spirit; and

WHEREAS, Among Susan’s major accomplishments at Chautauqua were expanding the quantity and quality of year-round programming and improving the visitor experience, financial stability, environmental sustainability and interpretation of the 118-year old National Historic Landmark; and

WHEREAS, Susan’s thoughtful and intelligent approach to examining and improving SCFD procedures and practices were recognized and solicited early on; and

WHEREAS, Susan has generously shared her time and expertise with the SCFD staff and board to develop policies and practices to improve the implementation of many Tier II processes;

WHEREAS, in 2011, Susan reviewed and provided feedback on numerous working drafts before Resolution 11-11, Statutory Exclusion of Capital Construction from Operating Expenses and Annual Operating Income was presented to and adopted by the SCFD board of directors; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Susan served on the 2013 Tier II Attendance Task Force and contributed to the drafting of Resolution 13-12: Defining Tier II Audited Paid Attendance which was adopted by the SCFD board of directors in October 2014; and

WHEREAS, Susan volunteered to serve on the 2014 eligibility and Tier II work groups to identify options for addressing issues raised in the 2011-12 Engaged Public stakeholder sessions which could then be forwarded for consideration by the 2015 SCFD task force; and

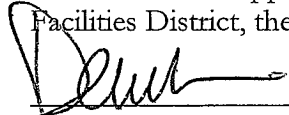
WHEREAS, Susan participated in the 2015 Reauthorization task force as a representative of Tier II and Boulder county and contributed to discussions that resulted in the suite of 12 recommendations the task force submitted to the SCFD board;

WHEREAS, After more than 12 years as Executive Director of the Colorado Chautauqua Association, the nonprofit steward of the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark in Boulder, Susan Connelly is moving on to her next professional adventure which will certainly involve working in, for and with communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL FACILITIES DISTRICT, on behalf of its recipient organizations and the taxpayers of the metropolitan area, hereby expresses its sincere appreciation to Susan Connelly and

gratefully acknowledges her leadership, contributions to and influence on the SCFD community, and her advancement of the arts and sciences within the district and beyond.

Introduced and Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District, the 19th day of November, 2015.

  
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Chair

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Secretary

