



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Jen Perry, Chair
Stephanie Brueggemann, Vice Chair
Katie Gasper
Kenneth Greenberg
Julisa Morris
Ann O'Leary
Samantha Wood

Thursday, August 11, 2022

4:00 PM

Town Hall (Rhyolite Conference Room)

100 N. Wilcox St.

Castle Rock, CO 80104

This meeting is open to the public. All times indicated on the agenda are approximate. Three or more Councilmembers may also attend this meeting, during which the items listed herein will be discussed.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. Council Liaison Caryn Johnson was present, as was Staff Liaison Maia Aman. Katie Gasper and Samantha Wood joined the meeting virtually.

Present 7 - Vice Chair Stephanie Brueggemann, Commissioner Julisa Morris, Commissioner Samantha Wood, Vice Chair Jen Perry, Commissioner Kenneth Greenberg, Commissioner Ann O'Leary, and Commissioner Katie Gasper

AGENDA TOPICS

[PAC 2022 -033](#) **Approval of the Minutes of July 14, 2022**

Kenneth Greenberg motioned and Julisa Morris seconded the approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2022 Public Art Commission meeting. Chair Jennifer Perry and member Samantha Wood were not present during the approval of the minutes.

"I move to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022 Public Art Commission meeting."

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Brueggemann, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Greenberg, Commissioner O'Leary, and Commissioner Gasper

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Wood, and Vice Chair Perry

[PAC 2022 -034](#) **Staff Updates**

Staff provided the following updates:

Town Board and Commission Business

The Town Manager's office provided an email notification that the Board and Commission Handbook had been updated for distribution. An appreciation dinner will also be held at the Millhouse at Philip S. Miller Park on September 27 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Tree of Wings

Staff met with artist Mary Williams of Tree of Wings to discuss several issues, the first of which is adolescents climbing the sculpture located at the Plaza at Philip S. Miller Park, and the second of which is chipping that is occurring to the sculpture's steel legs from the rocks installed around the base. While the artist was hesitant to commit to installing a sign that warns park users not to climb, she felt very strongly about removing the rocks and coming up with a solution to prevent future damage. In the interim period before a solution is solidified, she suggested installing synthetic turf around the base, which will prevent additional damage now. The Commission discussed the options of using turf or even mulch

to replace the rocks and were in general agreement to move forward on transitioning to a soft material to limit chipping. Members directed staff to use mulch if possible since turf seems to suggest a play area. Staff will work with the Park Operations and Maintenance Division to execute changes this fall.

Mary also noted in the meeting that there was some remaining budget from the project to do some minimal repair and conservation work to the sculpture. The piece's other artist, John King, would likely be able to come and get the piece for restoration, which could include addressing the chips, as well as repainting some of the faded sheet metal of the leaves or wings at the top.

Members expressed interest in inviting Mary to a future meeting to discuss conservation efforts, as well as potential options to change the base to deter climbing and promote sculptural integrity overtime.

High Ground Music and Arts Experience

The County Commissioners approved that the High Ground Music and Arts Experience could be held in Sedalia this year on September 10 and 11. The event will be held the same days as the Castle Rock Artfest, but will likely draw a different crowd.

Damage to Xeriscape Globe

Damage was identified on the Douglas County Art Encounters on-loan sculpture called Xeriscape Globe, installed at Triangle Park. Staff initiated filing a police report and contacted the artist to inform her of the damage. Chair Jennifer Perry noted that more attention should be paid to the durability of selections in Art Encounters going forward since vandalism seems to be occurring more and more. Councilmember Caryn Johnson also noted that vandalism in general is on the rise as she has noticed an increased amount in her district. Staff Liaison Maia Aman expressed the need to standardize procedures for addressing the damage; procedures could include filing police reports, the steps for filing insurance claims, maintaining records of contacting artists, etc.

[PAC 2022 -035](#) **Castle Rock Fire Department Watercolor Painting**

Members of Town leadership have expressed interest in purchasing a watercolor painting called Castle Rock Fire Department by artist Cindy Welch. The painting features Castle Rock's very own fire station in downtown Castle Rock, along with a vintage truck. The original painting is 27 inches by 21 inches and would become part of the Town's permanent public art collection upon purchase. The purchase, however, would not be funded through the Public Art Fund. Because the Commission would be responsible for the piece's future conservation and maintenance needs, members discussed the purchase and were in support. Stephanie Brueggemann motioned and Julisa Morris seconded the approval to purchase the painting. Stephanie and Julisa also both expressed interest in hosting some type of dedication event and complete outreach to ensure the public is aware of the purchase.

"I move to approve that the Town of Castle Rock purchase Cindy Welch's painting called Castle Rock Fire Department, pending that the purchase comes from funding outside of the Public Art Fund account."

Yes: 7 - Vice Chair Brueggemann, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Wood, Vice Chair Perry, Commissioner Greenberg, Commissioner O'Leary, and Commissioner Gasper

[PAC 2022 -036](#) **Call for Entries for Parking Garage Banner Art**

Members discussed the entries received for the call issued for designs for the parking garage banners near Town Hall. The Commission determined to it would be ideal to have a subcommittee narrow final selections down prior to meeting with Kristin Read of the Town Manager's Office and representatives from the Downtown Alliance and other stakeholders.

The subcommittee could also determine an updated timeline and present the schedule to the Commission at their regular September meeting. Staff was directed to confirm this process with Kristin and execute further action-items as appropriate.

[PAC 2022 -037](#) **Artfest Planning**

Members decided to attend Artfest and host a rock painting activity as they did last year. The Commission reviewed supply, schedule and logistical needs. Staff would work to ensure supplies are available, coordinate a volunteer schedule and create signage for the weekend of September 11 and 12.

[PAC 2022 -038](#) **Public Art Planning**

The Public Art Commission continued discussing its next public art plan. Members brainstormed methods and strategies for community engagement and compiled a list of community stakeholders. Members then toured an area of downtown that could potentially be used for a sculpture walk program. Chair Jennifer Perry also noted that she would work to coordinate and schedule a tour of a privately-owned sculpture garden in the south Denver area to continue to gather ideas for the destination portion of the plan.

COMMISSION / COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:54 p.m.