Public Art Commission
Meeting Minutes

Jen Perry, Chair
Katie Gasper, Vice Chair
Colleen Andrus
Dana Frazee
Inger Hiller
KC Neel

Thursday, September 11, 2025 **4:00 PM** **Central Service Center**
1400 Caprice Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jen Perry at approximately 4:00 p.m. Staff Liaison Maia Yates was in attendance.

Present 4 - Chair Jen Perry, Honorary Member Katie Gasper, Commissioner Colleen Andrus, and Commissioner Inger Hiller

Not Present 2 - Commissioner Dana Frazee, and Commissioner KC Neel

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

PAC 2025-019 **Approval of the Minutes**

Inger Hiller motioned to approve the minutes. Colleen Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 4 - Chair Perry, Vice Chair Gasper, Commissioner Andrus, and Commissioner Hiller

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Frazee, and Commissioner Neel

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PAC 2025-020 **Discussion Items, Public Art Plan Objectives and Ongoing Projects**

Maia Yates provided an update that the Holiday Card Art Contest Call for Artwork has been posted. Colleen Andrus inquired about outreach methods and suggested contacting art teachers at local schools to help share the call. Inger Hiller also offered to promote the opportunity through social media channels.

Maia reported that the Tiny Art Quest ribbon cutting, held the previous week, was very successful. Nearly all participating artists and their families attended to celebrate the unveiling of the second annual Tiny Art Quest program at Festival Park.

Inger Hiller shared that the Youth Commission Trolley Tour went well, and that the

Art Commission was positively received. The youth expressed interest in public art and the Commission's process. Inger offered to attend a future Youth Commission meeting to share more about public art in Castle Rock.

Maia informed the Commission that member Sam Colston has resigned due to relocating out of state. Commissioners were encouraged to share the vacancy announcement and invite interested individuals to apply online.

Maia also provided an update on public outreach and communications: the Parks and Recreation Department's Instagram featured the Tiny Art Quest ribbon cutting; the Town's newsletter and Town Talk included the Holiday Card Art Contest call for artwork and Townwide social media featured updates on the Art Encounters press release and the Holiday Card Contest.

The Commission discussed the potential relocation of the sculpture Sweet Tooth as part of ongoing efforts to enhance the sculpture area near Town Hall off Wilcox Street. The plan was to relocate Sweet Tooth to that location to increase public visibility and engagement. Maia shared that a resident at Artfest expressed concern about relocating the Sweet Tooth bear sculpture, noting the affection for it among residents of the nearby senior living facility and visiting children at its current location on the northwest intersection of Fourth and Perry streets. The Commission considered various options and reaffirmed the desirability of relocating Sweet Tooth to Town Hall, citing the broader public visibility and opportunity for greater enjoyment by the community. To maintain artwork at the senior living facility, the Commission agreed to move the sculpture Fire Dances in the Shadows-a white marble piece currently located at Red Hawk Ridge Golf Course-to replace Sweet Tooth at that site. The sculpture presently displayed at Town Hall would, in turn, be relocated to the golf course. Staff was directed to coordinate and execute the approved sculpture relocations in the future.

The Commission then proceeded to review the grant applications for the Art and Culture Grant Program and to make recommendations as a panel. The applications were evaluated using a rubric. Member Katie Gasper recused herself from discussion and scoring due to a conflict of interest. Following review and discussion, the Commission noted that final recommendations would be forwarded to Town Council for consideration and approval.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.