



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Stephen Maruska, Chair
Joyce Volp, Vice Chair
Stephanie Brueggemann
Andre Fleurette
Trina Homstad
Lauri Maloney
Susan Paulsen

Thursday, August 8, 2019

4:00 PM

Miller Activity Complex
1375 W. Plum Creek Parkway
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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

Commissioner Susan Paulsen arrived at approximately 4:05 p.m.

Town Council Liaisons Jason Gray and Caryn Johnson were present, as were Kristen Bowling and Audrey Spencer of the Downtown Merchants Association and Staff Liaison to the Art Commission Maia Aman.

Present 6 - Chair Stephen Maruska, Vice Chair Joyce Volp, Commissioner Stephanie Brueggemann, Commissioner Andre Fleurette, Commissioner Lauri Maloney, and Commissioner Susan Paulsen

Not Present 1 - Commissioner Trina Homstad

PUBLIC COMMENT

During this time, members of the public are invited to address the Commission and staff on items that are not on the agenda. Comments should be limited to four minutes.

Kristen Bowling of the Downtown Alliance provided the Public Art Commission with an update related to their downtown mural project. The original July 31 deadline for proposal submissions was extended to August 31. Kristen asked if a link to the call could be distributed to Commissioners to share. Caryn Johnson asked Kristen if the mural request defined a theme and Kristen explained that they left the theme up to the artists. Kristen also noted, however, that the Downtown Alliance would like to see a mural that is somehow representative of the town.

AGENDA TOPICS

[PAC 2019-041](#)

Introduction of New Commissioner Trina Homstad

This agenda item was postponed to September due to Trina Homstad's absence from the meeting.

[PAC 2019-042](#)

Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2019

I move to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 Public Art Commission meeting.

Yes: 5 - Chair Maruska, Vice Chair Volp, Commissioner Brueggemann, Commissioner Fleurette, and Commissioner Maloney

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Homstad, and Commissioner Paulsen

[PAC 2019-043](#) **Public Art Fund Update**

Staff provided Commission members an update regarding the current state of the Public Art Fund.

[PAC 2019-044](#) **Presentation by Cindy Welch**

Local watercolor artist Cindy Welch attended the Public Art Commission meeting to present two of her paintings for the Commission's consideration of purchase - a painting of the Rock and a painting of Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Station 151. If purchased individually, the price of both paintings would cost \$2,000-2,500. Cindy is, however, willing to reduce the price if the pieces are purchased together. Cindy also noted that if the painting of the fire station was purchased to place at Station 151, then should would also donate 10 percent of the proceeds from print sales to Castle Rock Fire and Rescue. The Commission did not discuss the purchase of either piece at the meeting and advised that staff put the consideration of the request on a future agenda.

[PAC 2019-045](#) **Tree of Wings Project Update**

The Commission reviewed the renderings submitted by Mary Williams and John King for Tree of Wings, the art piece commissioned for Philip S. Miller Park in 2018. Due to discrepancies between the original rendering and the sculpture in the proposed location rendering, at its July meeting, the Commission directed staff to confirm the project's details with the artists, specifically in regards to the design and coloring of the trunk. Staff confirmed that the rendering preferred by the Commission was indeed accurate.

The Commission also discussed and approved a special meeting to visit John King's art studio on Thursday, September 26. At the studio visit, the Commission will review the piece and select colors.

I move to approve a special meeting on Thursday, September 26 at noon, at which time the Public Art Commission will visit John King's art studio in Lyons, Colorado to review the sculpture commissioned for Philip S. Miller Park, Tree of Wings.

Yes: 6 - Chair Maruska, Vice Chair Volp, Commissioner Brueggemann, Commissioner Fleurette, Commissioner Maloney, and Commissioner Paulsen

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Homstad

[PAC 2019-046](#) **Discussion/Direction: 2019 Artfest Planning**

To plan for attending the 2019 Artfest, the Commission confirmed items to bring including a handout with a QR code, Art Encounter brochures, a table, a tablecloth, a tent, chairs, a rug or turf to stand on, a signup sheet for artist contact information and a basic Public Art Commission banner to attach to the tent. The Commission also planned to host a paint-by-number activity as recommended by Stephanie Brueggemann, and discussed volunteer shifts.

It was motioned by Steve Maruska to spend up to \$100 to purchase a Public Art Commission banner. The motion was seconded by Lauri Maloney and passed on a 6-0 vote.

It was also motioned by Steve Maruska to purchase 1,000 fliers on 100 pound glossy paper for future distribution. The motion was seconded by Lauri Maloney and passed on a 6-0 vote.

It was also motioned by Stephanie Brueggemann to spend up to \$150 on art supplies for the paint-by-numbers of the Rock art project. The motioned was seconded by Andre Fleurette and passed on a 6-0 vote.

[PAC 2019-047](#) **Review of the Castle Rock Public Art Commission Public Art Plan**

It was agreed upon to defer the review of the Castle Rock Public Art Commission Public Art Plan to the September meeting.

[PAC 2019-048](#) **Discussion/Direction: Downtown Character and Aesthetic**

At the July meeting, Council Liaison Caryn Johnson commented about the evolving nature of downtown Castle Rock given current and future development. Construction projects will add a significant quantity of brick and stone architecture and hardscape. Accordingly, Commissioners discussed ideas on how the character of downtown Castle Rock could be softened to balance the hard architectural qualities. Several Commissioners presented photos of ideas. Suggestion examples included murals, ghost advertisements, using landscape for art, enhancing space with unique architectural elements, etc. Caryn Johnson thanked the Commission for their time and input on this topic.

STAFF COMMENTS

[PAC 2019-049](#) **Staff Updates**

Staff updated the Commission regarding the following items:

Art Frame

As directed, staff brought a thank you card for Commission members to sign to thank the school, teacher and students who volunteered their efforts to beautify the Art Frame. Staff plan to soon issue a Facebook post, also thanking involved participants and recognizing the project.

Thought of a Treble Clef

A plaque for Thought of a Treble Clef has arrived and will soon be installed by Park Operations and Maintenance staff to identify the Town's newly purchased art piece for visitors at Philip S. Miller Park.

Castle Rock Museum Print

The Commission reviewed frame and mat options for the print of the Castle Rock Museum painting. Staff will take the print to be framed after direction is received. The cost of professionally framing the piece will be approximately \$100. The location of the piece will be determined at a future meeting.

Artrageous Experience

The September First Fridays After 5 event will feature the Artrageous Experience, which combines music and art into an elaborate and fun performance. The free concert will be held at Festival Park at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 6.

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

It was recommended by Commissioner Maloney to install some type of do not climb signage near the sculpture Thought of a Treble Clef at Philip S. Miller Park to dissuade climbing activity during highly-attended events.

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