



## Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Stephen Maruska, Chair  
Stephanie Brueggemann  
Lauri Maloney  
Susan Paulsen  
Diana Sterling

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Thursday, February 13, 2020

4:00 PM

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

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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 by Commission Chair Steve Maruska at 4 p.m. Town Council Liaison Caryn Johnson was present, as was Staff Liaison Maia Aman. Kirsten Bowling and Audrey Spencer of the Downtown Alliance were also present. As were the following members of the public: Natalie Raffield, Paul Price, Samantha Hunt-Duran, Alison Leard, Emelene Russell-Ward, Bill Ward and Jennifer Perry.

No members of the public provided comment.

**Present** 4 - Chair Stephen Maruska, Commissioner Stephanie Brueggemann, Commissioner Lauri Maloney, and Commissioner Diana Sterling

**Not Present** 1 - Commissioner Susan Paulsen

### AGENDA TOPICS

#### [PAC 2020-008](#) Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2020

Lauri Maloney motioned and Stephanie Brueggemann seconded the approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Public Art Commission meeting pending the correction of the meeting date presented in the minutes.

**"I move to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Public Art Commission meeting pending the correction of the meeting date presented in the minutes."**

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Maruska, Commissioner Brueggemann, Commissioner Maloney, and Commissioner Sterling

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Paulsen

#### [PAC 2020-009](#) Public Art Fund Update

Staff provided Commissioners with an update regarding the current state of the Public Art Fund.

#### [PAC 2020-010](#) Castle Rock Artist Cooperative

Executive Director, Paul Price, and the Chair of the Membership Committee, Natalie Raffield, attended the February Public Art Commission meeting to provide Commissioners with an overview of the Castle Rock Artist Cooperative.

In 2019, local artist and photography Nick Lucey reached out to Paul to discuss creating a

nonprofit organization to provide a variety of services to local artists and promote art throughout the community. With Paul having an extensive nonprofit background and Nick having close ties with community members, the fit was natural and the pair slowly started building the organization.

In September, the Artist Cooperative received its official 501(c)3 status, which solidified the organization's ability to accept tax deductible donations and seek memberships and sponsors. A board of directors was formed, bylaws approved and six committees established - marketing, membership, exhibitions, community relations, education and fundraising. All of the committees are now fully staffed and the organization is working on the implementation of various programs and fundraising efforts.

To date, art exhibits have been featured at Ecclesia Market and Union, an American Bistro, as part of Third Thursdays. A Veterans Art Program will also soon launch, and the Cooperative is hoping to receive sponsorships in the amount of \$10k per year to offset participation costs on behalf of veterans with brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Both Natalie and Paul expressed excitement over the potential opportunity to partner with the Public Art Commission in the future to help expand and promote local art in Castle Rock.

#### [PAC 2020-011](#) **Pacific Coast Conservation**

Based in Denver, Pacific Coast Conservation (PCC) is a firm offering holistic care, preservation and conservation for works of art and artifacts. PCC requested to present a brief summary of work and experience to the Public Art Commission.

PCC Staff, Samantha Hunt-Duran and Alison Leard, explained that the scope of services they are able to offer can vary greatly from performing complex restoration, to conservation and basic maintenance. PCC has also assisted agencies with art acquisition processes. PCC has experience working with municipalities, outdoor public art programs and universities.

PCC toured the Town of Castle Rock's art collection throughout the day and complimented the Commission on the diversity of art spread throughout the community.

Commissioner Lauri asked PCC if they perform the restoration work themselves or if they use contracts. PCC responded explaining that they have the training and experience to complete the work themselves. PCC also noted that they have experience serving entire city collections, such as Arvada. Lauri also asked if PCC noticed any artwork in particular that needs maintenance work. PCC noted that the bronze sculpture, Coolin' the Dogs, appeared hazy and explained that it likely needs a new wax coating.

Commissioner Diana inquired as to how they set their pricing. PCC explained that they work with each agency individually and can tailor their pricing to meet specific agency needs. PCC also noted that pricing will vary depending on the amount of work requested - such as performing maintenance on a single piece or performing maintenance on an entire collection at a single time. Proposal amounts will also vary depending on the amount of time required to complete the labor, plus any additional and necessary materials and equipment.

Commission Chair Steve asked for their hourly rate outside of contracted agreements. PCC said they'd be happy to send a current rate sheet via email to Staff Liaison Maia for distribution.

**PAC 2020-012 Appointment of Vice Chair**

On Jan. 10, Vice Chair Joyce Volp resigned from the Public Art Commission, citing a move to Arvada in February. Due to the resignation, the Commission considered the selection and appointment of a new Vice Chair to serve through the term end of May 31, 2020.

Steve Maruska motioned and Diana Sterling seconded the appointment of Lauri Maloney to serve as the Vice Chair of the Public Art Commission through May 31, 2020.

**“I move to appoint Lauri Maloney to serve as the Vice Chair of the Public Art Commission through May 31, 2020.”**

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Maruska, Commissioner Brueggemann, Commissioner Maloney, and Commissioner Sterling

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Paulsen

**PAC 2020-013 Tree of Wings Project Update**

In 2018, the Public Art Commission approved the selection of artists Mary Williams and John King for the public art project at Philip S. Miller Park. The artists designed, fabricated, finished, delivered and installed an original kinetic sculpture in 2019, Tree of Wings. Staff provided the updates that lights had been installed and a press release was issued in January.

Commissioners discussed potential dates for a dedication event and directed staff to check on the availability of the artists to attend an event on April 9. Staff will follow up with the artists prior to the March meeting.

**PAC 2020-014 Repair and Relocation of Dancing Moon IV**

Due to damage, a replacement glass disc for Town-owned sculpture Dancing Moon IV Disc was recently created by artist Reven Swanson. Reven plans to schedule a time to install the disc and perform restoration work on the rest of the piece once the weather improves.

The Commission had directed staff to ask Reven about the possibility of installing plexiglass around the disc to provide protection from future damage. Reven advised against this action so the Commission complied with her suggestion.

The Commission began to discuss relocation options and narrowed the options down to two sites -Rhyolite Regional Park and along the East Plum Creek Trail near the Meadows Parkway trailhead. Although pedestals currently exist at Butterfield Crossing and Triangle parks, the Commission felt the piece would receive better visibility in the aforementioned locations. Councilmember Caryn Johnson also noted that during a recent open house for 1469 Columbine Drive, several members of the public commented that the future park site may provide a great opportunity for a public art installation.

Commissioner Diana noted that Rhyolite Regional Park may be the best location if assessing the sites from the standpoint of visibility and overall usage.

Commissioner Stephanie noted that a mural already exists very close to the trailhead off of Meadows Parkway.

Commissioner Lauri commented that she felt partial to Rhyolite Regional Park because there is currently no public art that has been installed in Crystal Valley.

Commission Chair Steve explained that he felt partial to the trail site because so many people would see the sculpture and stop to enjoy it on their runs, walks and bike rides. Councilmember Caryn Johnson also felt partial to the trail.

Staff Liaison Maia noted she would gather some usage data over the next month so the Commission could make a more informed decision at their March meeting.

### [PAC 2020-015](#) **Douglas County Art Encounters**

For over a decade, the Town has participated in Douglas County Art Encounters. This program provides rotating art exhibits to the residents of Douglas County in various media and styles. Displayed in highly visible areas in Castle Rock, Highlands Ranch, Lone Tree, Parker and Roxborough, new art pieces are installed each year to promote public interest in art, develop community pride, foster community character and draw visitors to retail and civic areas.

For the 2019-2020 program, staff provided updates to the Commission that TWL #1 was relocated to Triangle Park, due to Encore construction, and that the program's Judge's Choice Award went to Epiphany.

The call for entries for the 2020-2021 program was posted to ArtCall.org and will remain open through Feb. 21. The selection meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26, which meant the Commission needed to call a special meeting to discuss and rank selections. Due to the resignation of Commission Vice Chair Joyce Volp, the group also needed to appoint a new Art Encounters representative.

Steve Maruska motioned and Lauri Maloney seconded to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 25 to determine selection priorities for Douglas County Art Encounters.

Steve Maruska motioned and Diana Sterling seconded the appointment of Susan Paulsen to serve as the Commission representative of the Douglas County Art Encounters program.

Both motions passed with unanimous support.

**"I move to hold a special meeting of the Public Art Commission on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. to determine selection priorities for Art Encounters" AND "I move to appoint Susan Paulsen to serve as the Commission representative of the Douglas County Art Encounters program."**

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Maruska, Commissioner Brueggemann, Commissioner Maloney, and Commissioner Sterling

**Not Present:** 1 - Commissioner Paulsen

### [PAC 2020-016](#) **Staff Updates**

Staff provided the Commission with updates regarding the following items:

#### **Paint-by-number Dedication**

Staff thanked everyone for their participation and support during the dedication event at Castle Rock Adventist Hospital in January. Staff asked Commissioners to sign thank you cards for the hospital staff who assisted with the event.

**Castle Rock History in Watercolor**

The Castle Rock Museum invited members of the Commission to attend an opening reception for a new exhibit - Castle Rock History in Watercolor, which featured the paintings of Cindy Welch. The reception was scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 5-7 p.m.

**Castle Rock Museum Print Relocation**

The print of the watercolor museum was relocated to a more prominent location in the Senior Center. Staff showed the Commission a photo of its new location.

**Festival Park Tree Stump Carving**

Kristen Bowling of the Downtown Alliance noted that Castle Rock Artist Cooperative member, Bill LaFleur, had completed his carving of the tree stump at Festival Park. The Downtown Alliance is considering hosting a dedication event to celebrate its completion, along with the completion of the mural. Details will be announced when available.

**Denver Art Call**

The City of Denver had posted a call, which will close on March 9, for local, national and international artists for three projects within a \$900,000 budget.

**Outlook Magazine Feature**

The next edition of Outlook Magazine, which is published by the Town of Castle Rock and mailed to residents, will feature a spread on public art.

**COMMISSION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS****ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:03 p.m.