



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

4:00 PM

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

Special Meeting called by the Public Art Commission

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. Diana Sterling arrived at approximately 4:15 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 until 5 p.m..

Jen Perry, member of the public, was present for the entirety of the meeting.

Present 5 - Chair Stephen Maruska, Commissioner Stephanie Brueggemann, Vice Chair Lauri Maloney, Commissioner Susan Paulsen, and Commissioner Diana Sterling

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

NEW AGENDA TOPICS

[PAC 2020-017](#) **Approval of the Minutes of February 13, 2020**

Stephanie Brueggemann motioned and Lauri Maloney seconded the approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Public Art Commission meeting.

"I move to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Public Art Commission meeting."

Yes: 4 - Chair Maruska, Commissioner Brueggemann, Maloney, and Commissioner Paulsen

Not Present: 1 - Commissioner Sterling

[PAC 2020-018](#) **Public Art Fund Update**

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

PAC 2020-019 Douglas County Art Encounters

For over a decade, the Town has participated in 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.

The call for entries for the 2020-2021 program was posted by the County in February to ArtCall.org; it remained open through March 6. A total of 44 submissions were received. Because the selection meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, the Commission called a special meeting on Tuesday, March 10 to discuss and rank the submissions. The Commission typically selects five to seven pieces each year.

PAC 2020-020 Tree of Wings Dedication Event Planning

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.

At its February meeting, Commissioners discussed potential dates for a dedication event and directed staff to check on the availability of the artists on April 9. Mary Williams' son's birthday is on April 9 and John King said he would be available that date but would prefer a Saturday. Mary also felt she would be able to generate a larger crowd if the event was held on a Saturday.

After some discussion, the Commission decided to host the dedication on Saturday, May 9 in conjunction with Climb4Change, the annual race up the Challenge Hill at Philip S. Miller Park. The Commission directed staff to initiate planning efforts with this event date in mind.

PAC 2020-021 Relocation of Dancing Moon IV

At its February meeting, the Commission began to discuss relocation options for Town-owned sculpture Dancing Moon IV and narrowed the options to two sites - Rhyolite Regional Park and along the East Plum Creek Trail near Meadows Parkway. Although pedestals currently exist at Butterfield Crossing and Triangle parks, the Commission felt the piece would receive better visibility in one of the aforementioned locations.

The Commission directed staff to conduct research on site usage for presentation in March. Research indicated that in 2019, Rhyolite Regional Park had approximately 104,897 users on the athletic fields, pavilions, playgrounds, soft-surface trail and bike park. The East Plum Creek Trailhead, however, experienced 43,435 users. Given the data, the Commission then discussed location options at Rhyolite Regional Park and agreed on placement at the spot identified as location number one, near the tennis courts and pavilion structure.

Susan Paulsen motioned to relocate Dancing Moon IV to Rhyolite Regional Park at the location identified as number one, near the tennis courts and pavilion structure. Lauri Maloney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

“I move to relocate Dancing Moon IV to Rhyolite Regional Park at the location identified as location number one, near the tennis courts and pavilion structure.”

Yes: 5 - Chair Maruska, Commissioner Brueggemann, Maloney, Commissioner Paulsen, and Commissioner Sterling

PAC 2020-022 **AARP Community Challenge Grant Opportunity**

The 2020 AARP Community Challenge grant opportunity was recently brought to the attention of the Town Manager's office. Special Projects Manager, Matt Gohl, reached out to the Public Art Commission's Staff Liaison, noting that he was considering submitting an application to install art at 1469 Columbine Street. At this site, the Town has plans to demolish an existing facility and develop a neighborhood park. In addition, at a recent open house, several community members expressed interest in improving the site's character with public art.

After discussing the grant application requirements, the Commission brainstormed several ideas for a submission and directed staff to share them with the Special Projects Manager. Ideas included using a grant award to construct a sculpture pedestal and use the Art Encounters program to fill the pedestal each year with rotating sculptures. Other ideas included installing giant board games, interesting art-like landscaping or musical instrument playground equipment to encourage multi-generational interaction at the site.

Jen Perry, who served on Indiana's state-wide arts commission, mentioned that she had a document she would be willing to share that contains general placemaking ideas. Jen Perry had compiled the ideas for an art grant submission she had previously worked on, but did not end up using the ideas or document. Jen noted that she would email the document to the Staff Liaison.

PAC 2020-023 **Staff Updates**

Staff provided the Commission with updates regarding the following items:

Pacific Coast Conservation

Per the Commission's request in February, PCC provided their hourly rate sheet. The Commission advised staff to bring an inventory of art pieces to their May meeting to initiate a conversation related to maintenance planning.

Tree Stumps

Open Space Supervisor, John Jorgensen, had recently brought several tree stumps to the attention of the Staff Liaison that have the potential to be carved into art pieces. Several Commission members expressed interest in considering this action at a future meeting.

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:59 p.m.

