



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Jen Perry, Chair
Katie Gasper, Vice Chair
Dana Frazee
Inger Hiller
Kenneth Greenberg
Katie Klossner
Julisa Morris

Thursday, September 12, 2024

4:00 PM

Cantril School
312 Cantril St.
Castle Rock, CO 80104

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jen Perry at approximately 4:07 p.m. Staff Liaison Maia Yates was also in attendance.

Present 7 - Commissioner Julisa Morris, Commissioner Katie Gasper, Commissioner Dana Frazee, Commissioner Katie Klossner, Chair Jen Perry, Commissioner Kenneth Greenberg, and Commissioner Inger Hiller

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ITEMS

[PAC 2024-036](#) Castle Rock Firefighters Memorial Project

Seth Roan, Rich Martin and Eric Morgenthaler of Castle Rock Fire and Rescue presented a relocation and draft design proposal for their memorial to fallen officers. The current memorial located at Fire Station 155 is outdated and not very accessible to the public. The department researched new location options and executed an agreement with the Douglas County Library to place a newly designed memorial adjacent to the Philip and Jerry Miller Library along Phelps Street in Downtown Castle Rock. The department would like to have the memorial feature a newly commissioned sculpture and asked the Public Art Commission for their input for completing and implementing these types of projects and methods for raising funds. Chair Jen Perry provided an overview of the commission's call and jurying process to receive submissions for and select works of public art. Member Katie Klossner suggested potentially seeking grant opportunities and working with other nonprofits to seek fundraising assistance. Since the Public Art Commission was in the process of establishing a new non-profit organization for the purposes of raising funds for public art, Katie and Ken suggested potentially using this project for a future fundraising initiative.

[PAC 2024-037](#) Artfest Recap

Members provided feedback on their attendance at Artfest and the following feedback was provided: the Commission should purchase t-shirts to wear, the Tiny Art Quest bingo map featured some misleading points of art and should be

corrected in future years, the Commission should work with the Town's Finance department to create a process for selling holiday cards on site to promote the Holiday Card Art Contest and generate revenue for the Public Art Fund, and the Commission should provide a gift basket or some type of incentive to increase the number of individuals who provide their contact information to receive future updates. Overall, the group thought this year's event was very well attended and provided a strong opportunity to share information about the Tiny Art Quest and the 2024 Holiday Card Art Contest.

[PAC 2024-038](#) **2024 Holiday Card Art Contest**

The purpose of this agenda item was to confirm outreach efforts for the 2024 Holiday Card Art Contest, which would include posting the contest to Peachjar to reach parents and students through fliers in the Douglas County School District, partnering with the Communications Division to boost posts on social media and partnering with local teachers and art programs. Staff also indicated that the call for artwork was live, noted that submissions would be accepted through October 6 and expressed that the jurying process would occur at the regular October meeting.

[PAC 2024-039](#) **Emerald Park Grand Opening Sculpture**

In 2019, the Town Council bought 7.6 acres from Southwest Greens for a future park near Plum Creek Golf Club. Due to poor conditions, old amenities like tennis courts, a pool, and a playground were removed. In 2020-2021, DHM Design Corporation gathered public input to draft a master plan, which includes new parking, walkways, a pavilion, playgrounds, basketball, pickleball courts, bocce ball courts, and more. In June 2023, Colorado Designscapes Inc. started construction and a grand opening is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 11, 2024.

Due to the need to rework some of the gathering spaces, the contractor added an art pad that is approximately 4-foot square to a landscaped area. Parks and Recreation staff recently inquired about the feasibility of installing a sculpture on the pad to be featured during the opening or indefinitely. Due to the timing of the opening, it would not be feasible to issue a call for temporary art and process a new contract. Town staff could, however, relocate an existing sculpture to the new park if desired.

Members discussed relocating Sweeth Tooth and And the Wheels Go Round, but ultimately decided to defer to staff's discretion being unfamiliar with the site. Chair Jen Perry expressed gratitude that the Town featured a pad but also expressed the need to have time to be intentional with selecting and commissioning site-specific art going forward.

[PAC 2024-040](#) **Public/Private Funding: Nonprofit Creation**

The commission reviewed and discussed draft bylaws for the creation of a nonprofit organization for the purposes of seeking future funding from donors and grant awards. The commission also nominated Ken Greenberg to serve as the founding President for the purposes of the nonprofit creation, with Jen Perry serving as Treasurer and Maia Yates serving as Secretary. The group also discussed potential law firms who could serve as the nonprofit's formal legal agent, and directed staff to use Folkestad Fazekas Barrick & Patoile, P.C. if the firm is available to take on this work.

[PAC 2024-041](#) Strategic Plan Implementation

The commission reviewed the implementation priorities that they set at the August 12 special meeting. Members volunteered to take on various responsibilities including but not limited to Katie Klossner researching grant opportunities and developing a social media schedule, Julisa Morris compiling a schedule for future presenters and Chair Jen Perry developing the grant program application and distribution process.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Inger Hiller expressed concern regarding the giant Adirondack chair featuring bear art in Downtown Castle Rock and noted the artwork's vinyl application was experiencing significant peeling. Staff explained that the chair company had incorrectly applied anti-graffiti coating prior to the application of the vinyl, which repelled the vinyl's sticky backing. Staff further explained that they were coordinating with the chair company and professional conservationists on seeking a solution.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.