



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday, August 8, 2024

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 4:13 p.m. Staff Liaison Maia Yates was also present, as was Town Manager David L. Corliss.

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

No members of the public were present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[PAC 2024-028](#) Approval of the Minutes

Inger Hiller motioned and Ken Greenberg seconded the approval of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

"I move to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024 Public Art Commission meeting."

Yes: 7 - Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Gasper, Commissioner Frazee, Commissioner Klossner, Chair Perry, Commissioner Greenberg, and Commissioner Hiller

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ITEMS

[PAC 2024-029](#) Public Art Fund Update (4:10-4:11 PM)

Staff provided members of the Commission an overview of the current status of the Public Art Fund.

[PAC 2024-030](#) Tri Arts Project Update

Commission members who also serve on the Tri Arts Project, Dana Frazee and Katie Gasper, provided an update on the organization's current and upcoming priorities, including a significant program launch at Cantril School. The

organization's programming will launch in September and feature a wide variety of community offerings. The school's hallway near the entrance will also feature artwork provided by Tri Arts. The organization will also host a grand opening reception at Cantril School on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. to officially launch their programming efforts. Dana also invited members of the commission to attend their Second Annual Art of Fundraising Gala on Friday, Nov. 8 at Cielo in Castle Pines.

[PAC 2024-031](#) Tiny Art Quest Update

Staff provided members of the Commission an update on proposed installation locations of the Tiny Art Quest program, as well as the final artworks selected. To allow enough time for production and installation, the ribbon cutting will be scheduled with the students, teachers and members of the commission on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 5 p.m. Staff will soon send the information to the Town Manager's office to provide a program overview and will then notify the artists. Staff will also work over the next month to update the project website, prepare a formal invitation to the ribbon cutting event, partner with the Communications Division to plan outreach and the press release, and work with Amy Fleet, project partner from the Castle Rock Christian Academy, on developing bingo cards for distribution at Artfest.

[PAC 2024-032](#) Public and Private Funding: Nonprofit Creation Discussion

The commission reviewed draft bylaws, documents and naming options for the proposed nonprofit organization to be created for the purposes of fundraising for public arts and cultural opportunities. The group set a goal of submitting legal documentation to the state and IRS in fall 2024.

[PAC 2024-033](#) Artfest Planning

Members discussed planning details for their attendance at the 2024 Annual Castle Rock Artfest, including potentially purchasing t-shirts to wear at the table, hosting Tiny Art Quest bingo with chalk giveaways, potentially selling 2023 holiday cards, promoting the 2024 holiday card art contest, and conducting a survey to obtain public feedback on public art initiatives. Staff would continue to work on details prior to the event scheduled in early September.

[PAC 2024-034](#) Town Manager Update

Town Manager David L. Corliss provided an update on a proposed upcoming ballot initiative to increase sales tax by .2 percent to generate revenue for public safety. This increase would amount to an additional 20 cents on a \$100 purchase and would generate about \$3.75 million annually, which would allow for the hiring of 40 additional public safety personnel between 2025 and 2029. Castle Rock Fire has identified the need to hire 18 personnel, including nine to staff a fourth ambulance. Currently, there are on average 18 minutes a day when all three of the Town's existing ambulances are on calls, which means there is no ambulance available to transport a patient having an accident or an emergency. Castle Rock Police has identified the need to hire 20 additional officers for patrol shifts, community resources in schools, animal control and traffic.

Dana Frazee asked if the Town and Town Council had plans to explore increasing property tax as an alternate means of generating revenue. Dave thinks this would be a good avenue for the Town to consider eventually, but may be a better future alternative since so many local property owners have extremely high metro district mill levies at this time. Once the levies expire and the Town is at full build out, the option could prove more favorable to voters.

Julisa Morris asked about the timeframe of full build out and Dave confirmed 2040. Ken Greenberg asked if the metro districts could be asked to contribute to help Town initiatives, and Dave explained that they have no financial incentive to assist and further confirmed that once Town Council has approved the metro district service plans, the plans are set in stone indefinitely.

Inger Hiller asked about unincorporated communities and Dave explained that properties like Macanta pay higher property tax rate to the Town to help pay for sewer, water and emergency services and amenities.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

In a previous meeting with Chair Jen Perry, Dave had expressed concerns regarding placing sculptures in the empty lot at the Wolfensberger and Wilcox intersection. Jen asked Dave if he could summarize what he expressed in the meeting to the group. Dave reiterated his concerns, which included the fact that the site will eventually be used to make intersection improvements, the site not being ideal for parking or visitors, and the cost and public perception of relocating art once intersection improvements are implemented. Dave expressed that he liked the proposed art but suggested finding an alternate location. Commission member Katie Klossner expressed concern that because the goal of placing art in the lot was identified in the Town's approved Public Art Strategic Plan, there may be a public expectation to complete this goal for downtown beautification efforts. It was decided to table the conversation until after the November election.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:59 pm