



## Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Jen Perry, Chair  
Katie Gasper, Vice Chair  
Colleen Andrus  
Dana Frazee  
Inger Hiller  
KC Neel  
Adam Thornton

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

4:00 PM

Union an American Bistro  
3 Wilcox St.  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Jen Perry called the meeting to order at approximately 4 p.m. Staff Liaison Maia Yates was in attendance, as were Council Liaison Ryan Hollingshead and prospective commissioner Bob Gnaegy.

**Present** 7 - Chair Jen Perry, Vice-Chair Katie Gasper, Commissioner Colleen Andrus, Commissioner Dana Frazee, Commissioner Inger Hiller, Commissioner KC Neel, and Commissioner Adam Thornton

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

#### [PAC 2026-011](#) Approval of the Minutes

"I move to approve the minutes of the regular April Public Art Commission meeting."

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Perry, Vice-Chair Gasper, Commissioner Andrus, Commissioner Frazee, Commissioner Hiller, Commissioner Neel, and Commissioner Thornton

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### [PAC 2026-012](#)

Staff provided an update regarding the recent Board and Commission recruitment process. Following interviews conducted by Ryan Hollingshead, Jen Perry, Dana Frazee and Maia Yates, the panel recommended Bob Gnaegy to fill the current commission vacancy. Staff noted that Gnaegy would bring extensive public art experience, including previous service on the Denver and Lone Tree art commissions, as well as a professional background in commercial graphic design. Staff expressed confidence that he would be a strong addition to the commission.

Staff reported that implementation of the America 150-250 grant program is underway. Installation of the grant funded mural at Reyn Rock Apartments, located at the northwest corner of Fourth and Perry streets, has begun through the Douglas County Housing Partnership.

The commission received an update on the Public Art and Culture Grant Program. Staff reported that recommendations for the 2026 grant cycle would be presented to Town Council for consideration. The grant review panel recommended approval of 13 of the 16 submitted applications. Town Council would also consider the Castle Rock Museum's America 150-250 grant request for their commemorative sculpture project.

Staff shared that the call for artists for this year's Tiny Art Quest program was open. The annual program invites elementary and middle school students throughout the community to submit original artwork during the summer. Selected artwork will be transformed into vinyl installations displayed throughout Festival Park during ArtFest and beyond. Artwork submissions are anticipated to be reviewed in July, with installations occurring in August and a public launch planned for September.

Staff reported that the Crystal Valley Interchange roundabout public art project has been included in proposed 2027 budget requests. Funding is anticipated through a combination of deferred revenue identified within the Burt SIA development agreement and contributions from the Public Art Fund, resulting in a proposed project budget of approximately \$150,000. Formal project approval will occur through the Town's annual budget adoption process.

Commissioners received an update on the 2026 Art Encounters rotating sculpture exhibition. Staff reported that Natural Selection has been installed at Cantril School and Opuntia has been installed at Butterfield Crossing Park. Staff also shared that Parks Operations will expand the sculpture pad at Triangle Park to accommodate installation of Heart of the Valley and support larger sculpture opportunities in future installation cycles.

The commission discussed priorities for the 2026 Public Art Enhancement Fund allocation. Staff recommended utilizing the funding to provide lighting improvements for the proposed America 150-250 commemorative sculpture project rather than pursuing relocation of the Rhyolite sculpture during the current budget year. Staff noted that the commemorative sculpture project currently lacks funding for lighting infrastructure and that installation of lighting would enhance the artwork upon completion. Staff also explained that Parks staff are currently focused on preparations for the opening of Lost Canyon Ranch Open Space, making it beneficial to allow additional time for planning and coordination related to future relocation of the Rhyolite sculpture. Inger Hiller motioned and Dana Frazee seconded using this year's enhancement fund allocation to light the museum's sculpture project; the motion passed unanimously.

Looking ahead, staff reported that discussion regarding the Wolfensberger Road underpass mural project will return at the June meeting. Staff also noted that a mural artist may be invited to attend and share expertise regarding mural development and best practices. The Castle Rock Band is also expected to attend the June meeting to provide a project and partnership update.

The group discussed the commissioned Big Drive sculpture series and was excited to view artist photos of progress. Chair Jen Perry expressed the need to set a dedication date ideally soon so everyone could make plans to attend.

## COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioners recognized Chair Jen Perry for six years of dedicated service to the Public Art Commission, public art and culture initiatives, and the Castle Rock community.

## ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.