



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

Katie Gasper, Vice Chair
Colleen Andrus
Dana Frazee
Bob Gnaegy
Inger Hiller
KC Neel
Adam Thornton

Thursday, June 11, 2026

4:00 PM

Central Service Center
1400 Caprice Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dana Frazee called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Council Liaison Ryan Hollingshead and Staff Liaison Maia Yates were in attendance.

Present 6 - Vice-Chair Katie Gasper, Commissioner Colleen Andrus, Commissioner Dana Frazee, Commissioner Adam Thornton, Commissioner Bob Gnaegy, and Commissioner Inger Hiller

Not Present 1 - Commissioner KC Neel

PUBLIC COMMENT

Buddy Rich and Dale Fleddermann of the Castle Rock Band addressed the Commission. Mr. Rich expressed appreciation for the Town's Public Art and Culture Grant Program, noting that the funding has been invaluable in supporting the band's operations and helping sustain a free community music program.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

PAC 2026-013 Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for 2026-2027

Katie Gasper moved to appoint Dana Frazee to serve as chair for the 2026-2027 term. Colleen Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Frazee moved to appoint Katie Gasper to serve as vice chair for the 2026-2027 term. Colleen Andrus seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

I move to appoint Dana Frazee to serve as Chair of the Public Art Commission for the 2026-2027 term.

I move to appoint Katie Gasper to serve as Vice Chair of the Public Art Commission for the 2026-2027 term.

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Gasper, Commissioner Andrus, Commissioner Frazee, Commissioner Thornton, and Commissioner Gnaegy

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Neel, and Commissioner Hiller

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[PAC 2026-014](#) Approval of the Minutes

Katie Gasper moved to approve the minutes. Dana Frazee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

"I move to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2026 meeting minutes."

Yes: 5 - Vice-Chair Gasper, Commissioner Andrus, Commissioner Frazee, Commissioner Thornton, and Commissioner Gnaegy

Not Present: 2 - Commissioner Neel, and Commissioner Hiller

CASTLE ROCK BAND PRESENTATION

Buddy Rich and Dale Fleddermann presented an overview of the Castle Rock Band, including its history, mission and current activities. The presenters explained that the organization is a volunteer, no audition, no fee community band that welcomes musicians of all ages and experience levels while providing free performances for the community.

The presenters shared that the band has approximately 40 to 45 active members, with about 30 musicians typically participating in performances. The group rehearses every other week, with additional rehearsals scheduled as needed before concerts. Annual performances include Memorial Day, Independence Day, Christmas and other community events, many of which are held at Festival Park.

The presenters discussed the band's operating expenses, noting that Public Art and Culture Grant Program funding supports conductor services, rehearsal space, storage and music licensing. They also highlighted the band's longstanding history in Castle Rock and the impact of former conductor Kent Brandeberry in establishing the organization.

Commissioners asked questions regarding the band's membership, repertoire and performances. The presenters explained that the band performs traditional concert band literature, patriotic music, marches, selections from musicals and contemporary works while continually expanding its repertoire to engage both musicians and audiences.

The presenters also discussed the former community bandstand and its importance as a gathering place for performances. Commissioners commented on the value of a dedicated bandstand as a community landmark and public gathering space.

In response to a question from Commissioner Inger Hiller, the presenters explained that the Castle Rock Band does not accept paid performance opportunities. They emphasized that the organization's mission is to foster a love of music by providing free performances and opportunities for musicians of all ages and abilities to participate in a community band.

The Commission thanked the presenters for their time and presentation.

MICHAEL BEENENGA, MURALIST PRESENTATION

Regional mural artist Michael Beenenga presented an overview of the recently completed Reyn Rock Apartments mural. Mr. Beenenga discussed his artistic

process, including researching Castle Rock's history, incorporating community feedback and developing imagery that reflects the Town's heritage, movement and community pride.

Mr. Beenenga also provided an overview of large scale mural planning and implementation. He discussed surface preparation, priming, coatings, lift requirements, project scheduling, budgeting and long term maintenance considerations. He recommended consulting with commercial paint specialists during project development to ensure appropriate materials and coatings are selected for the project site.

Commissioners asked questions regarding project costs, mural durability, anti graffiti coatings and equipment needs. Mr. Beenenga estimated that mural labor typically ranges from approximately \$15 to \$32 per square foot depending on project complexity, with materials and equipment considered separately. He encouraged clearly defining project scope, measurements and artist expectations in future calls for artists.

The Commission thanked Mr. Beenenga for sharing his expertise and participating in the discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[PAC 2026-015](#) Strategic Priorities and Future Initiatives

Staff reviewed the upcoming Wolfensberger Road Underpass mural project and discussed revisions to the forthcoming call for artists. The Commission discussed project scope, anticipated wall coverage, budgeting, maintenance requirements and artist expectations. Staff will continue refining the call for artists and return with additional information, including site measurements and updated project details.

Staff provided an update on the Public Art and Culture Grant Program, including recently approved grant awards and feedback received during Town Council's review. The Commission discussed grant accountability, recipient reporting requirements and opportunities to evaluate and refine the program before the next application cycle, including potential adjustments to educator grant funding.

Staff also provided an update on the Big Drive public art project. Installation is anticipated during the first full week of July, with a tentative dedication planned for July 22 pending Town Council availability. The Commission discussed event planning, promotional opportunities, commemorative cowbells and recognition of the Public Art Commission's role in the project.

Staff shared an overview of the newly established Castle Rock Arts and Culture Foundation and discussed the importance of clearly communicating the Foundation's fundraising role while distinguishing it from the Public Art Commission's advisory responsibilities.

Staff concluded with updates on upcoming Commission activities, including the Tiny Art Quest jury in July, the Traffic Signal Box Design jury in August, continued development of the Wolfensberger Road Underpass mural project and participation in ArtFest. Commissioners discussed volunteer staffing needs for the

ArtFest booth and requested that staff circulate a sign up sheet before making a final commitment.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Inger Hiller expressed continued interest in exploring the addition of a community bandstand in Castle Rock.

ADJOURN

Chair Dana Frazee adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.