



Public Art Commission Meeting Minutes

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

Thursday, March 12, 2026

4:00 PM

Central Service Center
1400 Caprice Drive
Castle Rock, CO 80109

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Jen Perry called the meeting to order at approximately 4 pm. Staff Liaison Maia Yates was in attendance, as was Council Liaison Ryan Hollingshead.

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 2026-005](#)

Approval of the Minutes

"i move to approve the minutes of the February 2026 Public Art Commission meeting."

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

PRESENTATIONS

[PAC 2026-006](#)

Teen Advisory Group Update

The Commission received a presentation from Arissa Pacheco, coordinator of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG), along with several student representatives of the group. The members introduced themselves and provided an overview of the program. TAG is composed of students in grades seven through twelve from a variety of local schools who assist with the planning, preparation, and organization of community events and activities in Castle Rock.

The group meets monthly and participates in service-oriented projects and events throughout the year. Past involvement has included events such as Spooktacular, the Giving Tree, the Winter Ball, and other activities at the Miller Activity Complex. TAG members shared that they help organize and support these events, including coordinating raffles and working with local businesses that donate items for fundraising. Proceeds from these efforts support TAG activities and an end-of-year team-building experience.

The presentation also highlighted current and future initiatives. These include volunteering at a lending closet project to help organize and distribute clothing and essential items for those in need, as well as continued work on the Kindness Rock Garden located at Butterfield Crossing Park and Possibilities Playground.

The group shared a request for support to sustain and expand the Kindness Rock Garden, including donations of art supplies such as paint, brushes, paint markers, and rocks, as well as a larger boulder and volunteer assistance to help create additional painted rocks with positive messages.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions about TAG programming, including the Winter Ball, which was described as a family-oriented event held at the fairgrounds featuring music, dancing, and activities, with this year's theme being "Trollstice." Additional TAG initiatives include the Giving Tree program, which distributed nearly 200 gift cards during the most recent holiday season, with plans to expand efforts through additional donation drives such as socks and underwear collections.

The Commission expressed strong support for TAG's efforts and discussed potential opportunities for collaboration. Members noted the value of involving TAG and rock painting at ArtFest as a way to build momentum, increase youth engagement, and expand community exposure to the arts. Commissioners also discussed providing support for needed art supplies and coordinating with staff to better understand specific needs and quantities for the Kindness Garden.

STAFF UPDATES

Staff provided updates on the Art and Culture Grant Program, noting that the application portal will remain open through March 20. The grant review panel is expected to convene in April, with recommendations to be presented to Town Council in May.

Vice Chair Katie Gasper shared an update on a proposed wing mural project in Castle Rock that would be submitted to the grant program, noting that she had seen communication from local businesses suggesting that the Town would be responsible for ongoing maintenance of the murals. Staff clarified that this is not the case and confirmed that follow-up communication had occurred with the applicant to ensure maintenance expectations were clearly understood. Staff also noted that businesses could pursue future grant funding opportunities to support maintenance if needed. Chair Jen Perry raised broader concerns about project-based grants, noting that they can present logistical challenges, and suggested the Commission may want to consider whether to continue including such projects in the grant program. The Commission discussed the topic, but no formal action was taken.

Staff also shared that Tri Arts Project is seeking a juror for the upcoming "Wild Things" installation at Cantril School. The jury process will take place between March 23 and April 1, during which jurors will review submissions and select artwork for the exhibit, as well as determine award recipients. Jury materials will be distributed on March 23. The exhibit will open on April 15 at 6:00 p.m., and jurors are invited to attend. A stipend of \$100 is provided for participation. Inger Hiller graciously offered to assist with the jury panel.

Staff reminded Commissioners of the scheduled field trip on Monday, March 23, with participants meeting at the Miller Activity Complex at 4:00 p.m. Also, the Castle Rock Band plans to present an update of their organization's efforts at the June meeting.

Additional updates were provided regarding the Castle Rock Museum sculpture project associated with the 150/250 grant program. The organization intends to apply for funding through the Town Manager's 150/250 grant program and has issued a call for artwork. A selection process will take place this spring, and a Commission representative is expected to participate on the selection panel to assist in identifying a final artwork for future Town Council consideration.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

[PAC 2026-007](#) Douglas County Art Encounters - Submissions Review for 2026-2027 Program

The Commission reviewed submissions for the 2026-2027 Douglas County Art Encounters program. Staff provided an overview of the program, noting that it is a year-long outdoor sculpture exhibit that places temporary public art installations in prominent locations throughout Douglas County, including Castle Rock. The program is intended to promote public engagement with art, enhance community spaces, and attract visitors. Sculptures are selected annually through a regional advisory committee, and selected works remain on display for approximately one year, with artwork available for purchase during the exhibition period.

Commissioners reviewed the submitted sculptures in advance of the meeting and discussed their preferences during the agenda item. The Commission worked collaboratively to evaluate the submissions and establish a ranked list of preferred artworks for placement within Castle Rock. These rankings will be used to guide final selections at the regional advisory committee meeting.

It was confirmed that Commissioner Colleen Andrus will attend the March 13 selection meeting alongside staff to represent the Commission and participate in final selection discussions for the 2026-2027 exhibition cycle. Installations are anticipated to begin in spring 2026 following contract execution, with a program launch expected in early summer.

[PAC 2026-008](#) Strategic Goals and Objectives Review

The Commission discussed ongoing goals and objectives to ensure alignment with current priorities, upcoming initiatives, and the long-term direction of the Public Art Commission. Chair Jen Perry shared that she will distribute the draft community survey to Commissioners for review. The Commission discussed using the survey as a tool to gather public input on future art initiatives and priorities, with the goal of distributing it to the community later this spring.

COMMISSION AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

