



*Colorado Springs*  
PIONEERS MUSEUM

October 26, 2020

Colorado Springs City Council  
107 North Nevada Avenue, Suite 300  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Dear City Council Members,

This letter is submitted behalf of the board of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. We are an independent, nonprofit organization committed to providing financial and leadership support for museum operations. The board has received briefings on the goals and objectives of the new, proposed Public Art Master Plan and is supportive of the plan.

As you know, the museum has been responsible for the care and preservation of the City's permanent art collection for the past two decades. The maintenance and oversight of this 100-piece collection is a major responsibility for the museum team. With very minimal resources the staff members have been excellent stewards of this growing and complex collection. On average the collection grows by more than one additional piece each year, with five new pieces added to the collection since 2017. This pace of growth, along with a greater geographic expanse proposed by the plan, is unsustainable given current human and financial resources. We are supportive of the call for enhanced staff and commission support for the development and acceptance of public art, as well as the call for "sustainable funding for public art maintenance and conservation projects."

The Museum Board appreciates the thoughtful consideration of City Council regarding the Public art Master Plan, and we are pleased to add our voice to encourage you to vote to adopt the plan.

Best wishes,

Jan Martin  
President

