

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024

Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.

Attending:

Joy Armstrong, Secretary
Mickey Burdick
Jim Cilletti
Chrystie Hopkins

Caitlin Lowans
Matt Mayberry
Alex Ryden
Julia Sands de Melendez, Chair

Citizen Comment:

- Kim Polomka re: status of position on commission, has interviewed in the past

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- **8/20/24:** Motion to approve by Mickey Burdick, Caitlin Lowans seconds, approved unanimously

Presentations and Discussions:

- Donation of *Snowy Owl* by artist Stephen Landis
 - Presented by Chelsea Gondeck, Director of Planning and Mobility for the Downtown Partnership
 - Sculpture has recently been updated to improve object and installation pad
 - Purchased with Judy Noyes Purchase Fund from Downtown Ventures (\$3,000 plus 10% maintenance fee), discussed with Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
 - Motion to approve by Joy Armstrong, Caitlin Lowans seconds, approved unanimously
- Legislative Review of PAC
 - Matt Mayberry reports that City Council has decided that PAC does not fit under the Council's purview as it is currently structured due to this group's administrative rather than legislative role
 - The present PAC will likely dissolve (as an ordinance) and possibly restructure through executive action by the mayor, making it possible that this is the final meeting of the PAC. But this may present an opportunity for a more active role
 - Some form of a PAC needs to happen in the future due to the nature of the work needing to happen, but specifics TBD by Mayor and other city staffers
 - Proposals in process will continue moving forward and we may convene ad hoc if needed in the interim. Existing meeting sequence will continue onward until otherwise informed
 - Jim: concerns about lack of oversight in future iteration
 - Caitlin: other examples of this process?
 - Mickey: future relationship with building code, etc.?
 - Julia: would the future actions/membership of PAC be able to be blocked by City Council?

- Joy: might the next version of PAC be able to better implement/activate the PAMP?
- Chrystie: concerns about the PAC ceasing to exist under a future administration
- Work plan and annual report
 - Julia Sands de Melendez created a work plan for this group, solicits feedback. Time remains to complete this document, due in February
 - Jim Cilletti raises questions about the potential Nikola Tesla sculpture donation and their progress on fundraising
 - Also asks about maintenance reserves for each artwork and relative valuation processes
 - Inquires Matt Mayberry about previous note around having more authority/autonomy to select and advise on artworks, provide grants, etc. Matt believes that if we have more skin in the game it will benefit our work
 - Chrystie Hopkins suggests adding *Snowy Owl* to accomplishments
 - Will discuss and finalize at our next meeting on December 17, 2024

Motion to adjourn by Jim Cilletti, seconded by Mickey Burdick

Adjourned: 4:57 p.m.