

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
16 August, 2023

Call to Order: 4:04 p.m.

Attending

- Micky Burdick
- Jim Ciletti
- Sandy Friedman, Chair
- Chrystie Hopkins
- Caitlin Lowans
- Matt Mayberry
- Michael Montgomery
- Richard Sebastian-Coleman

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- Planet Walk (PW) representative Mr. Freeman gave update on project
 - Thanked PAC for letter of endorsement of project concept
 - Reported that members of PW recently met with Richard Skorman who plans to put them in touch with City Deputy Chief of Staffs Travis Easton from Infrastructure and Development, and Ryan Trujillo from Operations, and Director of Parks, Recreation, and Culture Services, Britt Haley.
 - Reported that PW members have spoken to Jan Martin with COS Creek project, who said that PW is compatible with goals of COS Creek.
 - Next planned step is contacting Susan Edmundson with Downtown Partnership, and Susan Davies with Trails and Open Space.
- Kim Polomka
 - Questions about PAC website
 - Meetings currently listed as starting at 4:30.
 - Michael Montgomery says he can request this be changed.
 - Why doesn't PAC have a nice picture of members like the Parks Board?
 - Michael will also look into aligning presentation of the 19 different boards across the website.
 - Penrose Library Mural
 - Who owns the mural?
 - Unknown, PAC recommends Mr. Polomka contact Downtown Partnership.
 - Who owns the wall the mural is painted on?
 - Pikes Peak Library District.
 - Can murals operate under a revocable permit?
 - Matt Mayberry answers that, to the best of his knowledge, yes. No dissenting opinions.

Meeting Minutes Approval

- April 18, 2023 – approved unanimously.
- June 20, 2023 – approved unanimously.
- July 18, 2023 – approved unanimously.

Dr. Jose Rizal Legacy Sculpture

- Primary present Elaine Bordeaux, sculptor and immigration attorney. Joined by fellow sculptor Fritz Silorio, and former two term president of the Filipino American Community of Southern Colorado, Grace Moritz. Dana Levine, honorary consulate joined online.
- Group desires to place sculpture of Dr. Rizal in George Fellows Park, near PPLD East Library for the purposes of:
 - Cultural identity
 - Historical education
 - Diversity and inclusion
 - Tourism and community development
 - Public gathering
 - Civil engagement
 - Artistic expression
- Dr. Jose Rizal is a national hero of the Philippines, celebrated for non-violent resistance to Spanish rule at the end of the 19th century, and his contributions to literature, visual arts, and the sciences.
- Sculpture planned to be 8-foot tall bronze on a 5-foot marble pedestal
- Planned to be co-sculpted by
 - Elaine Bordeaux, eabordeauxart.com, established sculptor with upcoming exhibitions in Denver and Barcelona.
 - Fritz Silorio, stage and film production designer with credits in both Hollywood and the Philippines, and float design for Miss Universe.
- Discussion on whether to endorse the project or not.
- Richard moves to endorse the project, Caitlin seconds, PAC approves 6 to 1.
- PAC withholds from vote on recommendation for adding sculpture to city's collection until sculpture is built

Other Business

- New member interviews to be conducted on August 29, 2023

Adjourned: 4:54 p.m.