

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
17 October, 2023

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Attending

Joy Armstrong
Mickey Burdick
Jim Ciletti
Sandy Friedman, Chair
Nancy Henjum, City Councilor
Christie Hopkins

Caitlin Lowans
Matt Mayberry
Julia Sands de Melendez, Vice Chair
Alexander Ryden, City Liaison
Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Secretary

Citizen Comment

- Kim Polomka drew attention to location of sculptures *Iscariot* and *SUM* in e-mail to PAC board prior to the meeting.

Minutes Approval

- Minutes from August 16, 2023 approved unanimously

Old Business

- Due to cancellation of September PAC meeting, commissioners did not receive official invites to Elaine Bordeaux's exhibit until after it had closed. Vice Chair Melendez was able to attend and spoke highly of it. PAC passes on congratulations to Ms. Bordeaux on her work.
- PPLD does not yet have any of Dr. Rizal's works in its collection, but would acquire them if the sculpture placement moves forward (and perhaps even if it doesn't!)

Mary Lou Makepeace Sculpture

- Councilor Henjum received RFI about creating and placing a statue of former Mayor Makepeace.
- Group is to looking to have the project in place in two years.

PlanetWalk

- J. W. Freeman thanked PAC for previous letter of support and presented request that PAC:
 - Provide feedback on Planet Walk plan documents submitted to PAC members via e-mail on 9/29, and
 - Formally express that the approach being taken by PlanetWalk is compatible with the *Public Art Policy Redesign* document produced by Angela Seals.
- Several commissioners expressed their personal opinions that the plans were thorough and that they did not see any red flags in term of policy or approval within the city.
- Commissioner Lowans advised that the current planned placement of PlanetWalk's sculptures downtown north serve areas that already benefit from pieces of public art, and that underserved areas should be considered when deciding final placement.

- Commissioners did express their general support for the idea, but as a whole decided against a further letter or other official expression of support because
 - *Public Art Policy Redesign* is not an official document,
 - PAC has already expressed its letter of support for the spirit of the idea, another letter would not modify or add-to this sentiment, and that
 - PAC's only remaining role in the project would be advise the city whether or not to include the sculpture set in its permanent collection once it exists.
- Mr. Freeman thanked the commission for its thoughts.

Sesquicentennial of Colorado

- 150th anniversary of the state in 2026
- First local arrangements meeting to be held on 19 October at 3:30 p.m. in the Palmer Room at the Parks Office.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:48 p.m.