

MINUTES
CARBONDALE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
November 2, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Stout called the in-person/virtual meeting of the Carbondale Public Arts Commission to order in Town Hall Room 1 at 5:30 pm on November 2, 2022.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present for roll call:

CPAC Members: Michael Stout, Chair
 Britni Johnson, Vice-Chair
 David Thickman, Member
 Ann Harris, Member
 Susan Johnson, Member
 Kris Elice, Member
 Suzanne Frazier, Member

Town Staff Present: Laurie Lindberg, Town of Carbondale Staff Liaison
 Luis Yllanes, Board of Trustees Liaison
 Kae McDonald, Boards & Commissions Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: David *moved* to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2022, meeting. Britni *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

PERSONS PRESENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no one present, not on the agenda, to address the Commission.

2022 YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET RECAP

Britni commented that there were no new budget entries from last month's update.

David asked if it was possible to add a column denoting the date expenses were incurred.

Britni responded that the entries are listed oldest-to-newest so one could figure out when the expense was incurred.

Laurie agreed to add a date column to the budget recap.

Michael asked if there was a balance sheet for review.

Laurie agreed to prepare a year-end balance sheet for review.

MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT: BRITNI JOHNSON; NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Ann commented that she was happy that Britni decided to apply for reappointment.

Michael agreed that it was great to have the institutional memory.

Motion Passed: Suzanne *moved* to recommend the reappointment of Britni Johnson as a regular voting member to the Board of Trustees. Kris *seconded* the motion, and it was *unanimously approved*.

Michael noted that there were two current members whose appointment also expired in November and that while Beth White appreciated her time on the commission, she is not going to apply for reappointment. He added that he thought Brian was interested in applying for reappointment but has been away and couldn't attend this evening's meeting. Michael encouraged the commission members to reach out to their contacts for new applicants.

INTRODUCTION OF JAMIE ABBOTT, CARBONDALE ARTS DIRECTOR

Jamie thanked the Commission for inviting her and that she is interested in investigating how Carbondale Arts and the Public Arts Commission can best interface. Jamie noted that she has been in the valley for approximately 25 years and has worked for a variety of arts and environmental nonprofits. She encouraged commission members to reach out if they have any ideas or questions.

Michael commented that since his tenure on CPAC he has been interested in how to introduce more cooperation among local organizations.

Laurie asked if Carbondale Arts managed the cantina at Mountain Fair and what the timing would be to apply for 2023.

Michael thought it would be sometime between early spring and May.

Susan confirmed that Brian Colley would have the most up-to-date information, but she thought the applications would be due in April or May. She suggested making sure CPAC was on the contact list to receive communications about timelines.

Jamie asked if there were ways in which commission members wished they could collaborate with Carbondale Arts.

Britni replied that they would like to find more ways to include Carbondale Arts in the Art Around Town Artist's Reception and noted her appreciation that they were able to contribute some funding for the reception in 2022.

Michael suggested that if CPAC would like a substantial contribution for the reception from Carbondale Arts it would be best to ask that it be considered as a line item in their budget.

Laurie explained that CPAC is not allowed to purchase the alcohol that will be served at the event and that is why they need sponsors and/or donations.

Britni added that the monetary support also allows CPAC to provide commission members and the artists drink tickets for the reception.

Kris commented that she would like to see a better connection between the two organizations in terms of event timing and ways that the commission members could help with those events, as well as informing local artists affiliated with Carbondale Arts about opportunities to display their sculptures.

Ann reminded the commission members that Amy Kimberly had expressed the desire to have CPAC's input on murals, but there aren't protocols in place to do so.

Michael thought there was great potential for increased collaboration and looks forward to continuing those conversations.

ART AROUND TOWN FORMAT UPDATE

Michael opened the topic by noting that at last month's meeting there was a discussion about options to re-format the Artwalk and ways to appeal to more and/or different artists. He noted that with CAFÉ going live in two weeks, any changes to the format need to be decided upon before that happens. He reminded the commission members that they had discussed reducing the number and location of display locations.

Britni suggested that since CAFÉ is going live so soon, they plan on implementing any changes in 2024 so they can make decisions in a mindful way.

Kris commented she has observed how important location is for how sculptures are perceived.

Michael noted that currently there are 15 locations on the Artwalk and in 2022 there were 14 sculptures displayed. He asked that with a new location being added at 3rd and Main, if that will bring the total number of locations to 16 or if an existing location will be eliminated.

Lauri explained that at the last meeting there was a decision to eliminate the library location from the Artwalk and keep the walk limited to the Rio Grande Trail and Main Street. She noted that even if the library location is eliminated for the Artwalk itself, a sculpture can still on display at that location.

Britni reminded the commission members that by limiting the Artwalk in geographic area it lends opportunity to local artists to display their work in those other areas.

David thought that the reasoning to narrow down the number of bases that are filled was to increase the honorarium and thereby appeal to different artists.

Michael liked Kris's suggestion of keeping in mind the possible display locations during the artwork selection.

Kris asked if changes in location would affect where local artists display their sculptures and how that affects the local artists. She noted that location by Beer Works was empty this year and wondered if that was for safety reasons.

Lauri replied that the number of pieces selected for the Artwalk is up to the Commission. She noted that there are two display locations near the Third Street Center, a spot at the library and one along Highway 133 that are available for local artists to display their sculptures.

Luis suggested that some consideration be given for a possible display location at the park at 4th and Main that the Town now owns. He suggested approaching the Parks & Recreation Commission to investigate that process.

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

Michael noted that the "Helping Hands" sculpture has been removed and the artist has taken possession of it.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S CHECK-IN SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

Michael noted that CPAC will be on the November 8th Board of Trustees agenda for a check-in, and he invited all the commission members to attend. He thought it was important to thank the BOT for their support through the budget process. He also plans to update the BOT regarding the 2023 Art Around Town timeline.

Britni noted the importance of making connections between the money spent and the organization.

Luis noted that the BOT is reviewing the budget by department before final approval. He agreed that it was beneficial to have that check-in, especially since CPAC hasn't ever done one. He pointed out that the BOT sees value in having art around town and suggested introducing the idea of maintenance for the permanent collection.

Michael agreed that maintenance was an important topic but wasn't sure if Tuesday's meeting would be the best timing given that a sculpture was just removed because of maintenance issues. He suggested discussing an implementation strategy and timeline at the January meeting.

Laurie noted that she still has the 2017 maintenance proposal and agreed to see if it could be updated and ordered by priority. She suggested maintenance taking place in the spring.

Michael reminded the commission members that there has been discussion with the Town Manager regarding updating the 1% Fund Resolution so that that fund could be used for maintenance.

David commented that maintenance is important and should be included as a budget line item.

Luis agreed with David and noted the permanent collection is an asset that needs to be cared for and that is why he thought it important to bring it up at the BOT check-in.

Michael noted that it was important that maintenance is planned for and is part of any agreement that augments the permanent collection. He thought the decommissioning process should also be clearly outlined in the contract.

Britni suggested adding a maintenance clause to the contract.

Laurie reminded the commission members that some pieces in the permanent collection have been purchased by individuals and donated to the Town and CPAC is responsible for the maintenance of those pieces.

ADJOURNMENT

The November 2, 2022, regular meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on January 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kae McDonald