

**MINUTES**  
**CARBONDALE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION**  
**January 4, 2023**

**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 January 4, 2023.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present for roll call:

CPAC Members:                    Michael Stout, Chair  
   Ann Harris, Member  
   Susan Johnson, Member  
   Kris Elice, Member  
   Suzanne Frazier, Member  
   Brian Colley, 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:** Suzanne ***moved*** to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2022, meeting. Kris ***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**

Michael commented that the year-to-date budget recap was the same as that reviewed in November. He noted that Laurie is still working on getting a “date” column added.

**MEMBER REAPPOINTMENT: BRIAN COLLEY**

All commission members present expressed their appreciation that Brian submitted a membership renewal application.

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

**CAFÉ UPDATE**

Lauri commented that two applications have been submitted.

Michael noted that Brian has shared his list of local artists and he planned to reach out to these individuals. He encouraged all the commission members to do the same and reminded them that February 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submissions. He also noted that although Brian contacted Colorado Creative Industries, information regarding Carbondale's event was not included in their last newsletter; he committed to making sure it was in the upcoming newsletter. Michael added that the CPAC Facebook page has posted the Art Around Town announcement.

Suzanne asked if anyone has contacted Anderson Ranch, noting that she has a few contacts associated with this organization. She asked if it was permissible to use the information from the CAFÉ website.

Laurie confirmed that the information was available for commission member use. She pointed out that the Art Around Town CAFÉ has been included in recent versions of the Town Manager's weekly report, as well as the Sopris Sun. She committed to having CAFÉ do another email blast, which serves a national database.

Kris asked if it was possible to have access to Brian's list to ensure there isn't duplication in contacting local artists.

Ann reminded the commission members that the artist's identity is kept anonymous during the selection process, but she wondered if there was a way to identify those artists that are local or from Colorado to give them additional consideration.

Laurie thought there was a way to filter for that.

Ann wondered if there was a way to post to Instagram, as well.

Brian responded that he could include CAFÉ on the Creative District's Instagram account.

### **ART AROUND TOWN WALK**

Michael updated the commission members on upcoming items on the Art Around Town schedule:

- Round 1 on-line voting will take place on February 13<sup>th</sup>
- Round 2 on-line voting will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup>
- In-person voting will take place on Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4:00 to 7:00 pm

Michael noted that he contacted Colorado Mountain College to see if the date and time were available to reserve the lab, which it was, so unless commission members have conflicts he will move forward with the reservation.

Susan asked if it would be possible to vote remotely on the 23<sup>rd</sup> because she will be out of town.

Laurie noted that although Susan was in contact with Ann by phone during last year's in-person voting, a lot got lost in translation. She noted that one of the benefits to the

in-person voting is that ideas are exchanged and sometimes that alters people's selections.

Susan asked if she should then not vote in Round 1 or 2.

Michael replied that she was welcome to vote in Round 1 and 2 and thought they could find a way to get her input for Round 3.

Laurie noted that commission members could vote on-line for Round 3, as well. She pointed out that if they are planning on hosting guest jurors, they need to invite them as soon as possible.

Michael listed last year's guest jurors: Amy Kimberly, Angela Bruno, Laura Kirk, and Mark Cesark.

Susan suggested including the Recreation Center Director, because she has been very supportive of Carbondale's public art.

Ann suggested Annette and Andrew Roberts-Gray because not only are they both artists, but they support many art events throughout the community.

Michael wasn't sure if Amy Kimberly would be available and suggested Jamie Abbott—the new director of Carbondale Arts. He suggested that if commission members had other suggestions for guest jurors, to get their information to him by mid-January.

Laurie reminded commission members that Town of Carbondale staff are not allowed to vote.

Michael noted that he planned to have a more in-depth discussion regarding the Art Around Town reception in February but asked if there were any brief thoughts regarding what worked or didn't work at last year's reception.

Suzanne commented that at last year's event it was nice to have all the food and drink prepared but she noted that the venue forced attendees to be divided among several rooms. She compared that to a previous venue where everyone was together under one tent, but commission members were required to procure and set up all the food and cocktails. She asked how many usually attended the reception.

Laurie replied that roughly 75 usually attended the event. She pointed out that given the smaller commission size, it will place an even greater burden on commission members. She added that having a local restaurant host the event is also easier because they already have a liquor license.

Kris thought that having an outdoor space to mingle would be a nice feature.

## **SCULPTURE MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Laurie explained that she has been working to find businesses that did sculpture maintenance, but the one new company she found hasn't responded to her requests in a timely manner. She added that she reached out to the company that provided a quote a few years ago and he was willing to update that proposal. She indicated that they are still planning to complete the sculpture maintenance this spring.

Michael pointed out that the sculpture in front of the Rec Center received some maintenance in the fall. He noted that during CPAC's check-in with the Board of Trustees, they brought up the issue of maintenance and the Trustees seemed open to supporting it if the costs exceed CPAC's current budget. He advocated for getting a specific line-item devoted to maintenance in upcoming budgets.

Kris wondered if they should secure a contract for regular maintenance, especially if there aren't many companies that do it.

Michael commented that the bulk of the maintenance is for the bronze sculptures.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The January 4, 2023, regular meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 1, 2023, at 5:30 pm; due to the planned absence of the Boards and Commissions Clerk, this meeting will be **in-person** only.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kae McDonald