

Basalt Public Arts Commission

August 6, 2020

In attendance:

BPAC: Karyn Andrade, Summers Moore, Jeff Orsulak, Jeanette Bullock, Abby Gierke, and Liz Bell

Staff: Watkins Fulk-Gray and Susan Philp

Approval of Minutes

M/S Liz and Abby to approve the minutes of July 7, July 9, and July 16, 2020. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Election of Vice Chair

M/S Liz and Jeff to appoint Karyn as BPAC's Vice Chair. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

Consideration of Approval of Hudson Reed Ensemble's Revised Grant Proposal

All agreed that Hudson Reed Ensemble (HRE)'s proposal to create a film is a reasonable request. Watkins noted that they are requesting the same amount of money even though their overall budget has been revised upwards, and that the Town has not paid them any money yet.

M/S Summers and Abby to approve HRE's revised grant proposal. Motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0.

BPAC requested Watkins verify if the video trailer could be used in the Covid-19 Art Collection.

Abby represented that the Art Base would like to collocate its Art in the Park event with the last Sunday Market of the year, which is September 27 and requested if BPAC had any issues with it. Although BPAC members were interested in having more information about the event, there was general consensus that the Art Base could proceed. The Town will need to review and approve the special event activity permit.

2021 Project Ideas

Liz suggested for the next round of grants in the Grant Program to do a call for muralists. The artist would select their location and obtain permission from the property owner. It was agreed that if BPAC pursues this, the owners of the property on which the murals are located will not be given compensation. It was discussed that Art Base could oversee the project. Jeff noted that this would be the Town's first permanent piece of public art, so they may want to consider carefully the project.

Liz and Summers left the meeting.

BPAC expressed general support for a light show or ice sculptures in the cold months, and it was agreed that January would be a better month than December for such an event/exhibition. It was discussed that it may be best to hire someone to create ice sculptures rather than seek local artists. Watkins mentioned an ice sculpting program during Steamboat Springs's Winter Carnival. Watkins also mentioned other "backburner" project ideas, including a production by Alya Howe, a solstice or equinox/changing of the season event, various mural possibilities, and a continuation of BPAC's grant program with a specific theme.

Abby expressed interest in having other events in conjunction with Pumpkin Jazz.

Jeff suggested that tourists from within driving distance may be the tourists who come to the valley this winter. These are the kind of tourists that might come to Basalt.

BPAC expressed interest in continuing the Grant Program by doing a call for muralists and for a location for murals in 2020, with painting to be completed in 2021.

BPAC expressed a preference for taking their ideas and having a worksession with Town Council in October rather than September.

CORE Mural

Susan said that acquiring the mural that was created with a BPAC grant is a possibility, depending on the Green Team's 2021 budget, which would be used to supplement the purchase. She suggested BPAC members consider where a good location would be for it, as it needs to move from its current location on the back of the Lions Park stage.

Steps to follow up:

- Watkins will follow up with HRE to notify them and ask about using video trailer as part of the Covid-19 Art Collection and use it on BPAC's Facebook page
- Abby to tell artists they can put their 10x10s up on BPAC's Art Collection program after August 16.
- Watkins to send a link to Steamboat Springs's ice sculpting program