

The BPAC Meeting will be held in person at the Basalt Community Development Office – 99 Midland Avenue. The public may attend the meeting from the audience if interested.



**TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS
Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**

Thursday, September 7, 2023

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

99 Midland Avenue

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- 5:00 PM** **1. Call to Order & Role**
- 5:02 PM** **2. Approval of Minutes from August 3rd and August 23rd, 2023**
- 5:05** **3. Downtown Mural Competition** – BPAC to review the results of the public vote for the mural competition and recommend the winning submission in the Student and General Category. Discussion of future creation of mural on building.
Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members to recommend the mural finalist in each category.
- 5:30** **4. Basalt River Park Sculpture** – BPAC to review patina samples with River Park Sculpture artist Gail Folwell and make a recommendation on the final finish for the sculpture, which includes the option of no patina finish at all.
Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members to select a level of finish for the Basalt River Park sculpture Stay Human.
- 5:50** **5. Arts Capital Plan** – BPAC to review areas previously called out as sectors for West Basalt and provide descriptions for each site.
- 6:20** **6. Member Updates / Future Agenda Items / Other**
 > October agenda items:
 o BPAC Grant process review discussion
 o East Basalt – Arts Capital Plan exercise to divide into sectors
- 6:30** **7. Adjourn**

August 3, 2023
Planning Department Conference Room
99 Midland Avenue
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Members: Karyn Andrade, Brit White, Josh Mueller
Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault
Guests: Chris Mullen

Agenda Items

- Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2023
- BPAC Grant Applications – BPAC to finalize grant recipients and funding allocation
- Mural Competition – BPAC to review applicants and artist work areas
- Member Updates/Future Agenda Items

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2023.

M/S Josh and Brit to approve the minutes of July 6, 2023. Motion passed 3 to 0.

2. 2023 BPAC Grant

2023 saw more grant applicants than in any past year of the BPAC Grant Program, with eight applicants. \$65,000 has been allocated to the 2023 grant program, and the requests exceed the program limits.

BPAC reviewed the additional materials provided by the 2023 BPAC Grant applicants. BPAC ultimately decided to fund seven of the eight applicants. The only request that BPAC did not feel met the criteria was the mural on the Art Base building that faces Heather's patio. While Commissioners are supportive of a mural in this location, the proposed mural would be enclosed within Heather's outdoor covered patio area, and therefore it does not meet the criterion of being publicly accessible.

The seven remaining projects were allotted funding, although no project received a full funding request due to the available funding and the desire of BPAC to support each proposed project. BPAC agreed that the BPAC grant applicants would receive the following BPAC grant award amounts:

- TACAW - \$12,400
- The Art Base - \$11,800
- HeadQuarters - \$11,800
- Art Williams - \$10,000
- VOICES - \$8,000
- Aspen Film - \$8,000

- Aspen Dance Connection - \$3,000

M/S Karyn and Josh to fund the organizations at the above amounts. Motion passed 3 to 0.

3. Mural Competitions

Sara reported that the mural competition received 10 mural submissions. Eight spaces are planned for the downtown mural competition.

BPAC reviewed all submissions and discussed the artist work, location, etc. Ultimately the decision was made to shortlist artists John Przonek, Kirsten Hix, Finn Johnson, Jeremy Velasquez, Riannah Weaver and Beth Warmath. With one additional date remaining to apply, Sara said she would send the materials of any additional applicants received and will ask each BPAC member to send their individual list of artists directly.

M/S Josh and Brit to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Motion passed.

BPAC
Special Meeting
August 23, 2023
Via Zoom
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Members: Brit White, Josh Mueller, Jack Trembath, Karyn Andrade
Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault
Guests: Chris Mullen

Agenda Items

- Mural Competition – BPAC to review submission for mural competition and discuss status of all submissions.
- Art Donation – BPAC to review offer of long-term loan of art piece to the Town by Cara Barnes.

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm

1. Mural Competition and Participants

BPAC reviewed the artists and locations of the murals. It was noted that one of the muralists who was chosen for the competition did not work with the board and stand that was provided by BPAC for the competition, as outlined in the agreement. The artist hung their full metal submission from hooks on the building adjacent to their workspace. The artist had not received permission from the building owner to hang the mural. BPAC members discussed that the display fell outside of the parameters agreed to by each competitor that was welcomed into the Downtown Mural Competition. BPAC members expressed their concerns, and discussed whether the mural should be removed from the competition.

M/S Jack and Britt that the mural would be allowed to remain on the wall with the consent of the property owner but would be removed from the BPAC Downtown Mural Competition. BPAC directed Staff to contact the artists to inform him of BPAC's decision and to contact the property owner about the ability for the mural to remain on the site. Motion passed 3 to 0.

(Karyn Andrade was not present for this item)

2. Art Donation

Karyn Andrade joined the meeting for this item.

Michelle explained that the Town has been contacted by local area resident Cara Barnes who is moving and has asked if the Town would be interested in a long-term loan of a large sculptural art piece. The sculpture is by artist Joe Spear. Michelle referred to the artists website in the packet. The piece is steel and approximately 9' tall at its highest point. The urgency is that the piece would need to be moved from its current site before the end of the month. Public Works will handle moving the piece.

A potential location for the sculpture would be Merino Park, which is at the end of Midland Spur with frontage along Two Rivers Road.

Michelle asked the BPAC if they were comfortable making a motion for the Town to accept the art piece, and if so, if it should be located or stored at the Public Works facility until a future date.

All members favored accepting the piece on long-term loan. Josh suggested adding a placard to provide information on the donor and the art piece/artist.

Karyn would like to see the piece stored until Midland Spur is opened and a more significant announcement can be made to the public.

M/S Josh and Jack to accept the sculpture as a loan from Cara Barnes and store it until Midland Spur is complete and a presentation can be made. Motion passed 4 to 0.

M/S Josh and Brit to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm