

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, October 5, 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 23rd and September 7, 2023 |
| 5:05 | 3. 2024 BPAC Workplan – BPAC to review and discuss draft 2024 workplan as drafted by Staff. |
| 5:30 | 4. Ice Sculptures – BPAC to discuss continuing with program and artist, and if appropriate, potential dates and themes.
<i>Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members on whether to continue ice sculpture program in 2024.</i> |
| 5:45 | 5. Potential Tree Sculpture – BPAC to hear a brief presentation from Staff regarding a potential tree sculpture opportunity at Midland Park.
<i>Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members on whether to proceed with testing the viability of the tree and to pursue creating a sculpture.</i> |
| 5:55 | 6. Art Base 2023 BPAC Grant Funding – BPAC to hear a request made on behalf of the Art Base to shift the use of a portion of the funding received from the 2023 BPAC Grant award to another item.
<i>Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members on whether to allow the 2023 BPAC grant funding to be used in a manner different from that which was initially proposed.</i> |
| 6:05 | 7. Arts Capital Plan – BPAC to review areas previously called out as sectors for West Basalt and review/revise descriptions of locations. BPAC to also review East Basalt and divide into sectors, provide descriptions if time permits. Discuss next steps. |
| 6:15 | 8. Update Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. River Park Sculpture – installation & lightingb. Mural Competition Artistsc. Fisherman Sculpture – repair and addition |

6:20

8. Member Updates / Future Agenda Items / Other

- November agenda items:
 - BPAC Grant process review discussion
 - Continuation of Arts Capital Plan

6:30

8. Adjourn

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 4 to 0.

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

September 7, 2023
Planning Department Conference Room
99 Midland Avenue
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Members: Josh Muller, Brit White, Jack Trembath, Liz Bell
Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault
Guests: Chris Mullen

Agenda Items

- Approval of Minutes from August 3rd and August 23rd, 2023
- Downtown Mural Competition
- Basalt River Park Sculpture – discussion on patina
- Arts Capital Plan
- Members Updates/Future Agenda Items/Other

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm

1. Approval of Minutes from August 3 and August 23, 2023.

M/S to Brit and Jack to approve the meeting minutes from August 3rd. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Not all members were able to review the meeting minutes from August 23rd so it will be continued to the next BPAC meeting on October 5th.

2. Downtown Mural Competition

Sara reported that the Downtown Mural Competition voting had concluded the past Sunday and was a great success. Public Works staff has retrieved all of the murals and bases from their locations along Midland Avenue and the murals are currently stored at the Planning office. The competition received 347 total votes.

Finn Johnson's mural was the only entry for the student category. BPAC discussed the mural and its potential to be recreated. It was ultimately decided that Finn's mural would be accepted into the Town's inventory of public art with the idea that a student art exhibit or competition would be planned for a future date. Finn's mural would serve as inspiration or an example of successful student art.

Kirsten Hix's mural was the finalist for the People's Choice, with Beth Warmath's submission in second place, and Jeremy Velasquez's mural in third place.

Michelle noted that when this mural competition was envisioned, the idea for the finalist would be to have their mural created on the side of the building that will be constructed on the BCC parcel. Understanding now that the building is still a long way from being constructed, there may be the opportunity to pair muralists with building owners in the downtown area that have expressed interest.

BPAC discussed the winning People's Choice mural and the best location for the art piece. It was decided that the Basalt Pool would present a great opportunity for this nature-inspired, family-friendly piece. There are many blank walls inside and outside of the pool area. The mural would increase the vibrancy of an area that sees significant use and could lead to additional public art in the pool and Arboney Park area.

BPAC expressed a collective desire to support the creation of a mural on more than just one downtown building. Two of the buildings with owners on Midland Avenue that have expressed an interest in hosting a mural so far are the Sotheby's building (201 Midland Ave) and The Golden Bough (214 Midland Ave). BPAC expressed interest in a mural on the side of the Heirlooms building. This is a large wall and highly visible and is a great entryway to downtown Basalt.

M/S Jack and Brit to keep Finn's piece as part of an art inventory, location to be determined later. Motion passed 4 to 0.

M/S Liz and Jack to designate Kirsten Hix's mural as the winner for the People's Choice Award and recommend that it be sealed and installed or recreated at the Basalt Pool. Motion passed 4 to 0.

M/S Josh and Jack to direct Staff to do more research on the strength of the inquiries from downtown building owners who were previously interested in having a mural on their buildings and connect those building owners with artists. Motion passed 4 to 0.

BPAC expressed a desire to track the art pieces that are brought into the Town's inventory, including the murals that were created in 2019 and are found in areas around Town. A suggestion was provided to create QR codes that could be placed on each item, leading to an online inventory that provides information on the artist is, date of creation, if it was part of some program, etc. The inventory could be linked to the BPAC webpage or another area of the Town's website. This is essential to ensure that the information is not lost over the years.

3. Basalt River Park Sculpture – discussion on patina

Staff shared four figurines that Basalt River Park sculpture artist Gail Folwell had provided for BPAC's consideration related to BPAC's decision of whether the figures should include a patina of color, and to what extent. The first figuring had no additional patina, while the three others moved up the scale from a light addition of patina to the darkest, full patinaed color. Gail had recommended the lightest patina color.

After consideration of the figures, BPAC was in agreement with Gail's recommendation, which was also shared by Staff.

M/S Brit and Jack to recommended lightest patina to River Park sculpture artist Gail Folwell to include on the sculpture figures. Motion passed 4 to 0.

4. Arts Capital Plan

The BPAC did not have time to address this item, so it will be revisited at the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.