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**TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS**  
**Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**  
**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**101 Midland Avenue**

**6:00 PM Call to Order**

Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2021

6:10

Follow up on items from October meeting:

- Ice sculptures – themes from library
- Murals
  - Decision on theme
  - Artists local, in-state, national
  - Potential site on building in WTC & BCC parcel
- Sculpture
  - Locations in West Basalt
  - Information on Snowmass Village program

6:40

Status of 2021 Work Program Items

- Videos
  - Unified message for title or credits
  - Edits/progress

6:55

Other Updates

7:10

Member and Guest Comments

7:15

Discussion of Chair

**7:20**

**Adjourn**

**Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**

**October 7, 2021**

Attendees: Karyn Andrade, Abby Gierke, Summers Moore, Liz Bell, Jeanette Bullock, Anna Lohr

Staff Members: Susan Philp, Sara Nadolny

Guests: Amy Maron, Daniel Benavent

The meeting began at 6:06 pm

**A. Approval of Minutes**

M/S Summers and Karyn to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2021 and July 1, 2021. Motion passed 6 to 0.

**B. Discussion of Projects for 2022**

1. Ice Sculptures. Sara reported on her conversation with Katelyn Schimpff, the new Children's Librarian with the Basalt Regional Library. Sara explained to Katelyn that last February the library hosted two of the ice sculptures on the property and also partnered with Art Base to create a children's craft. Each ice sculpture had a sign containing a QR code that led to more information on the animal that was the subject of the sculpture and a list of books about the subject animal. Katelyn indicated she is interested in having the library participating again in the project and will connect with other staff members to get more details about last year's event.

The sculpture project will take place this year in January to hopefully avoid any seasonal thaws. BPAC would like to start early on the contracts with the sculptors and also get press coverage ahead of the event.

Discussion on themes for the 2022 ice sculptures – ideas included:

- Objects of nature (pinecone, snowflake)
- Basalt History
- Outdoor recreations (ski boot, snow sports)
- Emotions (joy, happiness)
- Colorado wildlife
- Pets/best friends
- Farm life
- Basalt History/Mining History

Sara will contact Katelyn at the library for additional theme ideas and children's books that echo the chosen theme.

**C. Budget**

Susan explained that the draft budget has been approved internally and Council will get their first pass at the budget at next week's Council meeting. The draft budget includes the following for BPAC funding:

- \$200,000 for two sculptures, to be split between east and west Basalt
- \$80,000 for other projects, including:
  - \$15k for the ice sculptures
  - \$25k for grants
  - \$20k for murals
  - \$20k towards the Art Master Plan

Historically, the grant program has been used in many different ways, with past recipients including TACAW for the Pumpkin Jazz event, Art Base projects and funding, Artist’s Year, and Shakespeare in the Park. For the 2022 grant cycles, BPAC needs to determine:

- Eligible projects and/or programs, and
- When to open the grant cycles.

Liz suggested putting out a call for grants and a call for large mural spaces in one combined press release.

Karyn asked if the mural program was going to be limited to local, state, or national artists. A discussion ensued, and there was some interest in having both a local artist as well as a national artist participate.

Regarding artist space, Susan noted that private properties can be more complicated to work with than Town-owned properties. There is a nuance between art and the Town’s sign regulations as a result of Supreme Court actions. She confirmed that BPAC members can reach out to initiate contact with property owners regarding desired spaces while Staff works on determining if there may be code-related issues. BPAC has expressed interest in the following building sites for murals:

- Wall near Basalt Bike and Ski in Willits
- Mod’s Thai House in Downtown

BPAC will consider whether they would like to pursue having a theme for the murals at a future meeting. Jeanette suggested that if BPAC were to choose local artists for the murals, the theme would be “local artists.”

BPAC will put out an RFP for muralists in January.

Liz said that since art and murals have been deemed as important to the Town, this could be a tool of leverage or a request for developers of new buildings to hold space in the building’s design as a future mural area. She questioned whether this may be a consideration for the developers of the Basalt Center Circle (old Clark’s Market) site.

#### **D. Sculptures**

A sculpture is planned to be located in the Basalt River Park, with a plinth planned in the area between the restaurant and the river. BPAC will need to determine a good location for a sculpture in the Willits area. Suggestions include the yet-unbuilt Reed Street Park, an area on the TACAW parcel, and within Linear Park.

Jeanette mentioned there are a number of well-known sculptors that visit this area, and she can get some names of sculptors that BPAC may want to reach out to.

Snowmass Village has implemented a sculpture plan for the Village area. Sara will reach out to Travis Elliott (Assistant Town Manager) to discover who their point person is with the Town and a bit more about their program.

#### **E. Other Items**

Anna reported on TACAW's Pumpkin Jazz event that will take place tomorrow, October 8<sup>th</sup>. The event is scheduled from 5 pm 7 pm with two groups in Downtown and two groups in Willits followed by outdoor music at TACAW at 7:00 – 8:00, and indoor music in the later evening. The event is free to the public.

Abby reported on her Tiny Libraries project she is considering for 2022. She is interested in partnering with the Basalt Middle and High Schools for a community art project where the students can mural the tiny libraries before they are placed throughout the community. She is planning on six to eight tiny libraries. Abby will reach out to the school's art teachers on behalf of BPAC.

She is estimating a cost of around \$3k. Susan indicated this can be accommodated with BPAC's 2021 funds.

#### **F. Videos**

Susan reported that Staff has received four videos from the artist studio project and can share some clips with BPAC. The videos are still being edited.

BPAC discussed creating a consistent title, font, and introduction for the project for the videographers to include at the beginning and/or end of each video. This will help to create some uniformity for the project.

BPAC members viewed clips from the videos created for the artists Tania Dibbs, Teal Wilson and Laura Segura.

#### **G. Follow Up Items**

1. Sara will contact Katelyn at the Basalt Library and ask for theme ideas and children's books that echo the chosen theme
2. Susan will contact new owner of building in Willits - Basalt Bike and Ski location – to assess their interest in hosting a mural at the site.
3. BPAC to consider if there should be a theme for the murals, and whether the artist should be local, in-state, or national (or a combination).
4. Susan to contact the developers of BCC property to gauge interest in mural space at that location.
5. Start working toward creating an RFP for the mural project to be released in January.
6. BPAC to brainstorm locations for sculpture in West Basalt
7. Sara to check Final approvals for TACAW to see where they had made a place for a possible sculpture on the site.

8. Jeanette will provide a list of sculptors that come to this area to visit. They may be interested in participating in this program.
9. Sara to reach out to Travis Elliott to find out more about who is heading up their sculpture program for Snowmass Village.
10. Sara to reach out to Jeanette next week regarding social media and uploading videos.
11. BPAC to decide on the title/font/opening for the videos and prepare for this discussion at the next meeting.

Motion passed 5 to 0 to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.