

**Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**

**May 11, 2022**

**at Basalt Planning Office**

*Members: Summers Moore, Brit White, Liz Bell, Karyn Andrade*

*Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Bonfils Thibeault*

**Agenda**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 3 and April 7, 2022
- BPAC Grant Program
- Sculptures
- Arts Master Plan
- Discussion of Chair & New Members
- Member and Guest Comments/Other

*The meeting began at 6:07*

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes.**

Sara introduced Michelle and BPAC members introduced themselves.

Sara recognized that she had sent out the April meeting minutes late and suggested that BPAC could review those and approve them at the next meeting.

**2. BPAC Grant Program.**

Sara reported that one application has been received for the BPAC grant program from TACAW. They are proposing to use the funding for their fall Pumpkin Jazz program. Funding for this has been awarded from BPAC over the past few years for this purpose. BPAC discussed the application and was supportive of the request and will provide a recommendation of approval to Town Council.

Sara asked if BPAC members have ideas on how to spread the word to find other artists for the grant program. Liz suggested doing a press release through the newspapers or by contacting the Arts & Culture Desk at Aspen Public Radio. Potentially engage KDNK for an interview, similar to what was done for the ice sculptures. Summers suggested keeping a quarterly update in the newspapers to keep interest in public art continuous and engaging throughout the year.

BPAC discussed past grant recipients, such as Shakespeare in the Park that was put on by the Hudson Reed Ensemble. Sara will reach out to some of these past recipients and also check into the Special Event Activity Permits that were approved for the grant-related events. BPAC suggested contacting the school district. Finance should also have the contract recipients available from past years. Liz requested future awarded grants include the condition that BPAC is recognized as the source of funding.

### **3. Sculptures.**

Sara showed the BPAC images of locations around West Basalt that were proposed as sculpture locations including Reed Street Park (still under construction) between the SkiCo HUB building and Steadman Clinic, the parklet between East Valley Road and the Whole Foods parking lot, the Willits round-a-bout, and areas near the Willits rugby field.

Sara also showed an image of the area planned for the sculpture at the Basalt River Park. BPAC will go over at the end of the meeting to view the site in person.

BPAC decided to put out the call to artists with a focus on the River Park, but let applicants know there will be a future West Basalt area project that artists can submit proposals for as an alternative to the River Park location. While current focus is on the River Park, BPAC may get artists or sculptures that would better fit into the West Basalt area.

### **4. Arts Master Plan Discussion.**

Sara recapped past activity related to the creation of an Arts Master Plan for Basalt. BPAC members explained that there was a consultant hired to work on this, but that the cost became unmanageable and the project was temporarily halted. Sara said that with the Midland Avenue Streetscape project and sculpture at Basalt River Park there will be some decisions made about where public art will be located. Instead of starting from scratch with a Master Plan, BPAC could make this a more organic experience and document where the art pieces will be located and move its focus to different areas of Basalt over time. BPAC could work on getting a document together this year or beginning of next year for discussion with Council. BPAC agreed it will be beneficial to roll an arts plan into what the Town is already wrapping its arms around.

### **5. Discussion of Chair & New Members**

BPAC discussed the idea of a Chair and Vice Chair. BPAC members expressed interest in focusing on getting more members and then formalizing the chair positions.

The library staff was suggested as a good member possibility. Sara will reach out to the library to gauge interest.

### **6. Other.**

Summers is interested in incorporating art on the Rio Grande bike path; Liz expressed an interest in painting a mural on the Highway 82 underpass.

The group reviewed the existing website and consideration of upcoming renewal fee associated with the site. The group agreed to update and move the website to the Town of Basalt website instead of maintaining a separate website.

Members discussed the possibility of changing BPAC meeting times to an earlier time of the day. Sara will send a doodle poll to gauge members' interest and availability.

The meeting moved to the River Park to view the sculpture site.

M/S Liz and Summers to adjourn at 7:37 pm