

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2024

Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.

Attending:

Joy Armstrong, Secretary
Mickey Burdick
Jim Cilletti
Caitlin Lowans
Nancy Henjum
Chrystie Hopkins

Matt Mayberry
Alex Ryden
Julia Sands de Melendez, Chair
Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Vice Chair
Stan Vanderwerf

Citizen Comment:

- Kim Polomka re: Iscariot sculpture.
 - Does not approve of current site, previous sites in other cities were more desirable in his opinion. Rationale of too many other visual obstructions.
 - Would like committee to consider moving to a new location, object has 25-year revocable permit.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

- **2/20/24:** Motion to approve by Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Mickey Burdick seconds, approved unanimously
- **4/16/24:** Motion to approve by Joy Armstrong, Richard Sebastian-Coleman seconds, approved unanimously
- **6/18/24:** Motion to approve by Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Mickey Burdick seconds, approved unanimously

Presentations and Discussions:

- PAC Endorsement of Nikola Tesla statue
 - Matt Mayberry notes that Boulder Park could be a suitable temporary site.
 - Artist Stan Watts and project supporter Mark Shurtkeff join the meeting and confirm that this would be a full donation to the city, ideally installed by July 9, 2025 in time for an international celebration of Tesla's birthday in Colorado Springs
 - Jim Cilletti wishes to ensure public access to sculpture and adequate didactic text, both of which are affirmed.
 - Although two statues are potential gifts, only one can be acquired at this time and PAC selects standing Tesla with a cast light bulb in place of the original proposed glass.
 - Motion to accept amended endorsement letter with "with the intent to accept" by Jim Cilletti, seconded by Richard Sebastian-Coleman, approved unanimously.
- Discussion of PAC Work Plan and Annual Report to City Council
 - Julia Sands de Melendez reviews proposals and presentations that came before the PAC in the past year in preparation for Annual Report to City Council. Matt

Mayberry expects a forthcoming presentation from the Downtown Partnership, *Snowy Owl*, which is currently being repaired by the artist.

- Progress toward Public Art Master Plan has been stalled due to lack of staffing, with limited forward motion regarding UDC and geographic expansion of public works in the city.
- May note challenge of Supreme Court's 1st Amendment statement about art on government buildings.
- Alex Ryden will resend Work Plan and PAC is encouraged to reply with comments/suggestions.

Adjourned: 4:59 p.m.