

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
19 July, 2022

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

Stephanie Von Fange
Robert Gray
Nancy Henjum, City Councilor
Matt Mayberry

Julia Sands de Melendez, Vice Chair
Michael Montgomery
Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Secretary

*Note, attendance does not meet quorum

Public Comment: None

Presentation from *Planet Walk Colorado Springs*

- Initiative to create nine art installations along the Pikes Peak Greenway trail each representing one of the nine planets (Pluto is included). Looking for endorsement of the project by the PAC.
- Each would be placed at its relative distance north from America the Beautiful Park, such that a pedestrian would spend as much time walking to each from the park, as a photon would spend travelling from the sun to the planet.
 - This would place the rocky planets within the first mile north of America the Beautiful, while Pluto would be 17 miles away in Monument.
- Two phases planned:
 - Phase I: Placing of 3' x 2' signs manufactured by X-Trails with information about each planet at the relative location of each one. Sign would be equipped with QR code so information is always current.
 - Phase II: Solicit local artists to create interactive installations inspired by the planet and facts about them and then install the pieces.
- Notes from Question and Answer session.
 - Endorsed by the Space Foundation, Jennifer Worth contact.
 - Endorsed by Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone, Sara LaBattle(?) contact
 - Astronomical Society interested in doing bus trips along the installation.
 - Soliciting artists will be done through simple open call.
 - Hope is that the sun will be represented by 21' diameter geodesic playground
 - Earth would be a racket ball at this scale.
 - *Planet Walk* would fund a maintenance endowment for the pieces.
 - Working with El Paso County on a Memorandum of Understanding for sites outside Colorado Springs. MoU with the county would cover USAFA as well by a pre-existing MoU between county and Air Force.
 - Goal of March 23, 2023 to complete Phase I.
 - Would like to integrate with other planned developments along the trail.
 - The group expects to need to raise \$600,000 and has so far raised \$40,000.
 - Commitment to measure economic impact to the Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone.

Public Art Position Projects

- Old Colorado City Gallery Visit
 - Representatives from the PAC visited the in construction gallery and studio space being set up at 28th and Colorado Ave in Old Colorado City by Valerie and Bryan Lloyd.
 - The Lloyds were very interested in working with the Public Art Coordinator as a trial run to demonstrate the position's value.
 - Commissioners who attended also agreed that the project was a good fit for a demonstration of the position's value.
- Patty Jewett Junction Visit
 - Similar feeling that the project would fit well.
- Sandy Friedman to update the PAC on further talks with COPPeR and B Vradenburg at next meeting or before.

Administrative Updates

- Public Art Maintenance funding restored through Pioneer's Museum
- Interviews for new PAC members to be held soon, conducted by Nancy, Julia, Matt, and Sandy.

Adjourned: 5:04 p.m.