



Public Art Commission of Truckee Meeting Minutes

December 03, 2024, 4:00 PM

Town Hall – Administrative Center | 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA

1. **Call to Order**: Vice Chair Sesko called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call**: Commissioners; Jennifer Standteiner, Molly Moore, Kellie Cutler, Steve Thompson, David Mason, and Vice Chair, Carole Sesko.

Absent: Commissioner Mason, and Chair Corliss.

Staff Present: Becky Bucar, Engineering Manager, Nola Mitchell, Associate Engineer, and Sarah Ring, Deputy Town Clerk.

Commissioner Mason arrived at 4:02 p.m.

3. **Public Comment**: None.

4. **Presentations**

- 4.1 **Staff Updates.**

Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director, presented the staff updates.

- West River Park update.
 - Foundations were poured on October 30, 2024, for the art installations to be installed by Mountain Forge and Troy Corliss.
 - Foundations will act as a seat wall as well as the foundations.
- New Library update.
 - Conceptual designs are currently being developed.
 - Potential locations, both interior and exterior, for art will be identified in the drawings.
 - Funding has not been identified, but there are a lot of pieces still to come together for the whole project, but it is in the conceptual plan.
 - Washoe County has a good example of temporary art at their library.
- Miscellaneous Maintenance.
 - The Jumping Fish art piece has been repaired by the artists.
- Church Street/ Truckee Way Roundabout
 - Staff is scheduling kick-off meeting with artist, Jake Balcom.

5. **Consent**

It was moved by Commissioner Thompson, and seconded by Commissioner Cutler, to approve the Consent Calendar Item as follows:

- 5.1 **Minutes from the Public Art Commission of Truckee Meetings of June 4, July 2, and August 6, 2024.**

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes.

The Consent Calendar carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners; Standteiner, Moore, Cutler, Thompson, Mason, and Vice Chair, Carole Sesko.

Noes: None.

Absent: Chair Corliss.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed Unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Annual Selection of PACT Chair and Vice Chair.

Staff Recommendation: Select the PACT Chair and Vice Chair to serve throughout the coming year.

Commission Discussion:

- Staff advised the commission that Chair Corliss sent an email, noticing his absence from the meeting and that he would be willing to accept a Chair appointment if that motion was made.

Chair Selection:

The motion was moved by Vice Chair Sesko, nominating Troy Corliss as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Cutler, and adopted with the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Standteiner, Moore, Cutler, Thompson, Mason, and Vice Chair, Carole Sesko.

Noes: None.

Absent: Chair Corliss.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Selection:

The motion was moved by Commissioner Moore, nominating Carole Sesko as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Cutler, and adopted with the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Standteiner, Moore, Cutler, Thompson, Mason, and Vice Chair, Carole Sesko.

Noes: None.

Absent: Chair Corliss.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Annual Work Plan Update Discussion.

Staff Recommendation: That the PACT review the 2023 Work Plan, provide feedback for additions, deletions, and modifications for staff to use in their development of the draft 2025 Work Plan.

Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director, presented from the staff report (presentation on file with Town Clerk).

- Staff proposed the possibility of a one-year or a two-year Work Plan.

Commission Discussion:

- Prioritize:
 - Public Art Inventory.
 - Mural Map photos available for Inventory update; created by Jeffrey Freeman.
 - Update photos from Freeman; ensure photo credit.
 - Update heavy with video and ADA accessible features.
 - Update the Public Art Form - what qualifies for the Public Art Inventory.
 - Add to January meeting.
 - Cultural District Planning.
 - Phase 1 – framing and discovery has been completed.
 - The next step, the Community and Engagement phase, has been renamed from Master Plan to Cultural District Action Plan.
 - Critical components being marketing the artists within the Cultural District and funding.
 - Truckee Arts Alliance hired Carrie Haines to handle some goals and initiatives such as seeking grants.
 - Sidewalk Chalk Art.
 - Temporary Art Installations.
 - Collaboration opportunities.
 - Cultural Inventory Maintenance.
 - Jeff Freeman was hired by Nevada County Arts Council; can be made available to PACT to update its Art Inventory.
 - Only images of murals have been photographed by Mr. Freeman.
 - A recommendation was made to update the whole Art Inventory with new photography.
 - Commissioner Cutler will send cost details for staff to have an idea of budget.
- Commissioner Standteiner pointed out the need to add the annual review of the Art Inventory.
- Vice Chair Sesko summarized the art installations/ donations at Truckee Springs and the West River Street Park locations.
- The New Library is slated to have a community performance room for up to 300+/- chairs; something to consider for community events and performances.
- Refocus PACT policy discussions.
 - Break it down into a 1-year, 3-year, and 5-year plan.
- Commission homework could be reviewing the Opportunity Site list and provide feedback to staff for the next update.
- Reprioritize the Temporary Art Program, Art Inventory and Maintenance update.
- Consider a policy document clarifying the different categories of public art PACT wants to pursue or prioritize for each art category.
 - Tangible priorities that the PACT can do.
- Review PACT's Mission Statement established when the commission was formed.
- Are PACT grants a possibility?
 - Would there be an overlap with the Cultural District.?

Vice Chair Sesko opened Public Comment:

Written Public Comment was given by: Troy Corliss.

Vice Chair Sesko closed public comment.

Commission Direction:

- Reprioritize the Temporary Art Program, Art Inventory (January), Art Maintenance Program.

- Draft guidelines for public solicitation.
- Review the PACT's mission statement.
- Research the ability to offer grants from the PACT.
- Youth Art Program – what can we do with the school district?

Commissioner Moore left the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

6.3 Future Agenda Items.

- Staff generated a work plan schedule to be filled in by the commission for the year.
- Staff invited the commissioners to provide comments on the Opportunity Sites list.
- Staff to send Opportunity Sites website link and Public Arts Survey results to the commissioners.

7. Commissioner Reports

- Commissioner Standteiner
 - Attended the art installation in the Village at Palisades Tahoe, by Toni Standteiner.
- Commissioner Thompson
 - Announced the Sierra College Band performance tomorrow.
 - Tahoe Truckee Community Chorus December 14th and 15th.
 - Tahoe Symphony performing the December 20th at Truckee High School.
- Commissioner Cutler
 - Unveiling of Muse, Truckee Artists' Lofts Gallery January 18th.
 - Announced the Truckee Arts Festival.
- Commissioner Mason
 - Announced being a recipient of an international award.
- Vice Chair Sesko
 - Nothing to report.

8. Adjournment - 5:55 p.m.

To the regular meeting of the Public Art Commission of Truckee, January 7, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.

**Sarah Ring, Deputy Town Clerk
Commission Secretary**