



Public Art Commission of Truckee Special Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2024, 4:00 PM

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

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Corliss called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**: Commissioners; Jennifer Standteiner, Molly Moore, Kellie Cutler, Steve Thompson, David Mason, Vice Chair, Carole Sesko, and Chair Troy Corliss

Staff Present: Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director, Nola Mitchell, Associate Engineer, and Sarah Ring, Deputy Town Clerk.

3. **Public Comment**: None.

4. **Presentations**

4.1 **Staff Updates.**

- Art Maintenance
 - Time sculpture has been painted, along with the whole building.
 - Jumping Fish sculpture; the artist is in town and will provide repair tomorrow.
 - Art is being installed at West River Street Park site, purchased and donated by Truckee Donner Land Trust.
 - Art by Mountain Forge, and Troy Corliss.
- New Library
 - The new Library is in its rough design stage; Phase 1.
 - Phase 2 will incorporate architectural design.

5. **Consent**: None.

6. **Discussion Items**

6.1 **Continued Discussion of the Selection of Final Artist for the Church Street - Truckee Way Public Art Project.**

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that the PACT continue the discussion, review the attached final art proposals, and select the art and artist to recommend to the Town Council for implementation of the Church Street/Truckee Way Roundabout art installation.

Commission Discussion (continued) from October 1, 2024:

Jake Balcom, From Rails to Trails

- **Chair Corliss**
 - The overall feeling is that the artists are still in a situation where the artists are still competing for this selection.
 - Be conscience of recommendations made toward design at this standpoint.
 - The commission favors the original proposal; the flowers can be abstract and not specific.

- Aiming for a more diverse portfolio before we encourage more flowers in a roundabout.
- It got really bushy; the gracefulness of the original design is favored.
- The bouquet effect takes away from the circular base.
- It looks like two separate bouquets.
- Has the commission interfered with the artist's design with its recommendations.
- Too literal in interpretation.
- Like the contrast of the materials.
- Like the removal of the stencils.
- Commissioners lesson to take from this; don't overmanipulate the artist's original conceptual design.
- The artist complied with the requests of the commission.
- Has demonstrated that this artist wants to work with PACT.

Sean Orlando, Engineered Artworks

- The design is a total re-do.
- Not enough similarity to the original design.
- Feels like the commission caused this drastic design change.
- The commission needs to select an artist and work with the artist to fine-tune the design.
- The design concept is flipped from the original proposal.
- The artist did not address the feedback of color.
- The base has an importance now that it didn't have before.
- The updated design doesn't address the negative space issue.
- Not the visual PACT was looking for; they look tighter together.
- If the commission had asked for this question after selection, would the response have been different.

- Results of the final vote are in favor of Jake Balcom 4-2.

Chair Corliss opened public comment.

Seeing none, Chair Corliss closed public comment.

Commission Direction:

The motion to choose Jake Balcom, From Rails to Trails, was moved by Commissioner Standteiner, seconded by Chair Corliss, and adopted with the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Standteiner, Chair Corliss, Thompson, Cutler, Moore, Vice Chair Sesko.

Noes: Commissioner Mason.

Absent: None.

Abstained: None.

The motion passed 6 - 1.

- Chair Corliss, Vice Chair Sesko, and Commissioner Mason volunteered to be available to staff for questions on the design and review of the contract with Jake Balcom.

6.2 Future Agenda Items.

- Temporary Art Program.
- Work plan update.
- Chair and Vice Chair appointments.

- Library Update.
- Rocker Memorial Skate Park – remove this item for now; the project has asked for an extension so there will not be an update available.

7. Commissioner Reports

- **Commissioner Standteiner**
 - Announced the sculpture to be installed at the Village at Palisades by Anton Standteiner, Mountain Forge, November 30, 2024.
- **Commissioner Thompson**
 - Participating with the Truckee Community Chorus performance at Truckee High School, December 14th & 15th.
- **Commissioner Moore**
 - Completed a sculpture collaboration with Mountain Forge and installed the sculpture at Doral Academy off Mount Rose Highway.
 - Working on another community collaboration in Silver City.
- **Commissioner Cutler**
 - Acknowledged Commissioner Moore for curating the STEAM art exhibit at the Truckee Tahoe Airport.
 - Will be publicizing Chair Corliss' work in the November edition of the Truckee Roundtable.
- **Commissioner Mason**
 - Announced a magazine cover - Art Astonish.
 - Participated in two in-person shows – upper state Michigan.
- **Vice Chair Sesko**
 - Announced that footings being installed for the art pieces at Dewbeyúmuwe? Park.
- **Chair Corliss**
 - Just returned from Oregon where he re-Installed an art installation of his from 2011; installed in the Bend Library to the Library in Lapine, Oregon.

8. Adjournment - 5:40 p.m.

To the regular meeting of the Public Art Commission of Truckee, November 5, 2024, 4:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road, Truckee, CA.

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