

**Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
16 January, 2024**

Call to Order: 4:00 p.m.

Attending:

- Mickey Burdick
- Jim Ciletti
- Caitlin Lowans
- Nancy Henjum, City Councilor
- Krystie Hopkins
- Alex Lyden
- Matt Mayberry
- Julia Sands de Melendez, Vice Chair
- Richard Sebastian-Coleman, Secretary

Citizen Comment

- None

Minutes Approval

- 28 Nov 2023 minutes approved unanimously
- 19 Dec 2023 minutes approved unanimously

Mary Lou Makepeace Monument Presentation and Discussion

- Kaleigh O'Donnell and Lindy Conter presenting
- Looking for PAC to endorse the concept of casting a full length bronze statue of Mary Lou Makepeace and place it within the grounds of the Pioneers' Museum as a monument to her as a pioneering woman and inspiration to future generations of women.
- Gave overview of Ms. Makepeace's career and accomplishments as a caseworker, mayor, professor, and philanthropist
- Noted that there are currently only three statues honoring women in Colorado Springs
- The artist Lori Kiplinger Pandy, who created the Fannie Mae Duncan statue, has been recruited to make this statue
- Time has been reserved at a foundry to cast the sculpture in April, 2025
- Organization is a registered 501(c)(3) with successful fundraising efforts already underway
- PAC agreed to write letter of endorsement for project concept.
- Organization now plans to reach out to Parks Department and provide periodic updates to the PAC

Dr. Rizal Monument Presentation and Discussion

- Grace Moritz and Elaine Bordeaux presenting
- Artist Elaine Bordeaux presented maquette of Dr. Rizal statue created by herself and Fritz Silorio
- Scheduled casting of the sculpture in August, 2024
- *Friars and Filipinos* and *El Filibusterismo*, the two books of Dr. Rizal's that will be shown on the statue are being donated to PPLD, were brought to the meeting for commissioners to peruse
- Concern was voiced that a 13 foot tall monument (8' sculpture, 5' pedestal) may have to go through Pikes Peak Regional Building for structural approval.
 - Matt will put Ms. Bordeaux in touch with Parks department's landscape architect
- 30-40% of expected fundraising goal has been met
- PAC endorsed the maquette and will provide letter of endorsement

Administrative

- New city commissions manager will start on 1/17/2024, so interviews for new commissioners will likely take place in the next one or two weeks

Adjourned: 4:57 p.m.