

Public Art Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2024

Call to Order: 4:01 p.m.

Attending:

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

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

Approval of Minutes:

- Last meeting minutes were not attached to emailed agenda, will review for approval next meeting.

Citizen Comment:

- None

Nikola Tesla Sculptures Presentation

- Sculptor Stan Watts and Mark Shurtleff present on an offered gift of two bronze statues of Nikola Tesla; the artist is seeking additional external funding for project completion.
- Location to be selected by the city and Matt Mayberry suggests possible location of redeveloped Union Printers Home, which is near Tesla's workshop. Boulder Park, Tesla School, Pikes Peak Center, PPLD, and Drake Power Plant are also suggested by the committee. A temporary location is needed until permanent location is determined.
- Deadline is July 10, 2025 to meet artist's goal of unveiling. Further discussion to be added to a future agenda to prioritize acceptance of gift.

Daniel T. Griffin Mural Presentation

- Capt. Greg Thomas and Dr. Dave Giffin present regarding proposed mural at Penrose PPLD.
- Subject of mural is Daniel T. Griffin, a 1928 Colorado Springs High School (Palmer H.S.) graduate killed in the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor, recognized as first casualty.
- The artist attached to this project is Kim Polomka who would like to have it painted by December 7, 2024.
- A maintenance fund will be in place in addition to funding for the mural. Capt. Thomas is presenting tomorrow to PPLD, who will decide whether to move forward with the project.
- Further discussion with the PAC to be added to next meeting's agenda.

Adjourned: 5:02 p.m.