



City Council Staff Communications Report

Subject: Public Art Advisory Board (PAAB) Appointments
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Department: Economic Development
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Type of Item: Administrative

Summary Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council appoint the following positions to the PAAB, beginning terms at the August meeting:

- David Nicholas to a second term expiring June 30, 2023;
- Jennifer Gardner and Samantha Osselaer to their first full terms, expiring June 30, 2023;
- Lara Carlton and Pamela Bingham their first term expiring June 30, 2023;
- Hilary Gilson to fulfill a vacant term expiring June 30, 2022.

Staff wanted to thank and recognize outgoing board member Kathy Kahn for all of her work and dedication to the community while serving the last 5 years on the PAAB. Her service has truly improved the community and the Park City Public Art program.

Background

PAAB makes recommendations to the City Manager or City Council regarding Public Art items. All decisions regarding Public Art shall be made final by the City Council. PAAB is administered by staff liaison appointed by the City Manager. The Park City Summit County Arts Council provides non-voting support to the board through marketing, advice and guidance on projects and continuing to involve the board in [Project ABC](#).

Per resolution 18-2020 which was adopted at the [July 30 Council meeting](#) (p.486), the [PAAB Policies](#) were amended to increase the board to 8 members, who reside in the City Limits of Park City appointed by the City Council. The policies align with the PAAB's [vision & mission](#), which tie directly to Critical Community Priorities, specifically, Housing, Transportation, Energy and Social Equity. Such policies also relate to Council's goals of creating a [sense of community](#) (p 28-31). The PAAB continues to review its [policies and strategic plans on a yearly basis](#), and focuses their efforts on programs and projects that related to specific goals.

Analysis

Staff noticed PAAB vacancies on the City's website, social media, through the Park City Summit County Arts Council and by sending out notice to PAAB. The Park Record also ran an editorial and a news story on the vacancies.

- Staff received 12 applications, one applicant was ineligible to apply as they lived in the County, and another withdrew their application due to work conflicts.

- Interviews with the 10 eligible candidates were conducted by staff liaisons, two board members and two Council liaisons. Having such a large number of qualified applicants makes the decision of appointments challenging.

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Funding Source

No funding is needed for appointment, as members are not compensated. Public Art has been financed primarily through two funding sources, both within the capital improvement plan (CIP). The first funding method is a direct allocation to the Public Art capital project (CP0089) from the General Fund transfer and the Lower Park Avenue RDA. The second funding method is through a 1% contribution from qualifying capital improvement projects. PAAB has also completed projects such as the Olympic Legacy Alive project through Restaurant Tax Grant.