

The BPAC Meeting will be held in person at the Basalt Community Development Office – 99 Midland Avenue. The public may attend the meeting from the audience if interested.



**TOWN OF BASALT MEETINGS  
Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**

**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**101 Midland Avenue**

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- 5:00 PM**      1. Call to Order & Role
- 5:02 PM      2. Approval of Minutes from February 2, 2023
- 5:05          3. Discussion of Arts Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) – Staff Presentation and BPAC Input/Visioning Session
- a. Staff will lead BPAC through a map of Basalt, identifying existing and historic art locations, and areas that could be available for art installations.
  - b. Arts CIP – Staff led visioning session regarding public art
- 6:00          4. 2023 BPAC Grant Program
- a. BPAC to define the parameters of the 2023 program. Items for consideration include eligibility, max grant amount, release date, projects v. operational funds, etc.
- Recommended Action: Motion by BPAC members to accept the terms of the 2023 BPAC Grant Program.*
- 6:20          5. Miscellaneous Items and Member Updates
- 6:30          6. Adjourn

**Basalt Public Arts Commission (BPAC)**  
**February 2, 2023**  
**Basalt Town Hall, 101 Midland Avenue**  
**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

*Members: Liz Bell, Karyn Andrade, Brit White, Josh Mueller, Jack Trembath*  
*Staff: Sara Nadolny, Michelle Thibeault*  
*Guest: Colleen Irving*

**Agenda Items**

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2023**
- 2. Information Items**
  - a. Basalt River Park Sculpture**
  - b. Winter 2023 Ice Sculptures**
- 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- 4. BPAC Bylaws – Proposed Revisions**
- 5. Basalt Art Capital Improvement Plan**
  - a. Willits Lane Plan Vision**
  - b. 7-11 / School Intersection**
- 6. Miscellaneous and Member Updates**

The meeting began at 5:06 pm

Sara took roll call. All five members were present.

**1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 5, 2023.**

Liz asked for a correction in the meeting minutes. There is a statement that says Liz “though” instead of “thought.”

*M/S Liz and Karyn to approve the meeting minutes from January 5, 2023 with the adjustment described by Liz. Motion passed 5 to 0.*

**2. Information Items.**

- a. Basalt River Park Sculpture** – Sara informed BPAC that there were some fine tuning of the contract with Gail Folwell moving approval of the contract to the Council’s February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. None of the amendments changed the sculpture, or the anticipated timing of its completion and installation.
- b. Winter 2023 Ice Sculptures** – Thomas Barlow completed all three sculptures – a pegasus at Alpine Bank, a great snowy owl in Lions Park (along Midland Spur), and a phoenix at TACAW. All sculptures included lighting. Sara advertised the displayed ice sculptures on the Town’s Facebook page as well as the Basalt Community page and will send a press release to the local papers.

### **3. Chair & Vice Chair**

Sara explained what the Chair and Vice Chair roles will entail. Michelle added that the Chair and Vice Chair will serve as the face of BPAC which is important considering the possibility of many interesting projects the Town will be engaging in over the next year and beyond. If BPAC is more organized, it could potentially lead to more future funding and projects.

Nominations were made for Karyn Andrade as Chair, and Josh Mueller in the role of Vice Chair. Both nominees accepted the nominations.

*M/S Karyn and Brit for Josh as Vice Chair for a one year term ending February 2024. Motion passed 5 to 0.*

*M/S Josh and Brit for Karyn as Chair for a one year term ending February 2024. Motion passed 5 to 0.*

### **4. BPAC Bylaws – Proposed Revisions**

Michelle and Sara provided a general outline of the changes. Michelle indicated that all of the Town's citizen committees are updating their bylaws to provide more consistency and become more current. The bylaws also provides a mechanism for member commitment.

Josh asked if there is consideration of any additional language to include further distinction between members. There are a certain number of members that must be residents of Basalt. For instance, if a member both lives and works in Basalt, would that member fulfill two spaces of the requirements rather than just one? Michelle said that member would count as a resident.

The Town is including BPAC in its advertising efforts for additional members. Michelle is working on a plan to bring in the Latinx community.

*M/S Josh and Brit to recommend to the Council approval of the Bylaws with the adjustment as stated. Motion passed 5 to 0.*

### **5. Basalt Art Capital Improvement Plan**

**a. Willits Lane Plan Vision** – Michelle shared the Town's plan to undertake a study of the Willits Lane corridor. Willits Lane need improvements. The Town is also interested in enhancing the link between that area and Old Town Basalt. Willits Lane has been identified as a priority area by both the public and Staff. Michelle indicated that this time would be used as an introductory visioning session. She is reaching out to all of the citizen committees for feedback and thought that will better help in crafting a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the study.

Michelle asked BPAC to think about priorities, opportunities, and items to research in this area. Things to consider may be the pedestrian/cyclist or overall recreational experience, enhancing connectivity between Willits and Old Town Basalt, and existing and future residential and industrial development.

Michelle oriented BPAC to the Willits Lane corridor on a map. She showed the Willits Lane pathway, Duroux Park which is a raft put-in area, the CDOT property with maintenance building and garage. Michelle noted that CDOT is looking to improve the lot with

affordable housing for their staff which will be accounted for in the corridor plan. She noted that the CDOT property is in Eagle County.

Michelle continued identifying areas, such as Sunset Park by the river, Park Modern, the single-family residential area, Parcel 2E, TACAW, up to the round-a-bout.

Michelle indicated that the Hooks Spur Bridge is also in Eagle County and outside of the Town's purview.

The signage in this area is unclear. At end of this year Town is looking to get a package for wayfinding signage that is consistent between the two ends of Basalt. This project provides an opportunity to enhance alternative modes of transportation between Willits and Old Town Basalt. Ideas for considerations include elements of bike safety, comfort and pedestrian safety, traffic calming measures and better signage.

Michelle showed an image of a street mural which is a way of promoting traffic calming which could be useful at the area of Willits Lane and Lewis Lane leading into Willits Town Center. Art can be an indicator that someone is entering into a special area.

Michelle said that the idea going forward is to work with various stakeholder groups, undertake surveys, and understand top priorities. She said there may be opportunities for temporary art installations, such as art down the pathway that is whimsical and adds delightful moments to those that pass through the area. The installations could be adjusted as appropriate.

Karyn likes the idea of defining an entrance, such as the arch in Carbondale. She also thought that the area could benefit from sculptures that rotate or are moved by the wind.

Michelle said this is a stepping-stone to thinking about BPAC's 10-year arts plan for Basalt where the Town as a whole will be considered. BPAC will make recommendations on how this progresses – will there be a few areas of focus and more art is filled in each year, or a focus on larger pieces, etc.

Michelle thinks Basalt is a bike community which should be integrated into the plan for this corridor.

Michelle reiterated that this is an introduction to the topic, and BPAC will get to explore this and weigh in on the Willits Lane corridor in the future.

\*Liz left the meeting 6:04 pm

- b. 7-11 / School Intersection** – Michelle explained that this is another area the Town will focus on improving. She showed a graphic, explaining the focus is on the area between 7-11 and school campus. This is a high traffic area. In the past the Town made improvements to the bridge over the Roaring Fork River, but the area near 7-11 is a free-for-all. Improving this area has been a high priority for the Parks Open Space and Trails (POST) group. It's also a part of Safe Routes to School. Michelle indicated this area could be made more interesting and enlivened with art pieces. Art could be used as a

means to create more delineation between where pedestrians walk versus where cars should be. The idea is to narrow the roadway by increasing the landscaping buffer between the pedestrian walkway and the cars. Currently the entrance into 7-11 is really wide, and the plan narrows that driveway and also creates a mid-block crossing. Michelle is currently in discussion with POST about whether a revised plan is needed, as the plan that is currently being considered is a few years old.

Green Team and POST will work on achieving an official Bike Friendly City Designation, which will require clear and improved bike lanes as well as signage.

Michelle indicated that this will also come back to BPAC for discussion as part of building out that 10-year plan capital arts plan. Staff will keep BPAC apprised of opportunities.

Restrictions on lighting – Basalt is Dark Sky Compliant which prevents uplighting. Lighting will be part of the 7-11 improvement plan and will require a proper design that should not be too glaring. Lighting is needed for navigating and overall perception of safety. Ambient lighting is great for wayfinding.

#### 6. Other/Misc/ Member Updates

- Jack is in Captain POW who plays a villain to teach children about climate change. He is going to Paonia tomorrow to present to the school children and will likely be doing some presentations in the local schools as well.
- Midland Avenue Streetscape Project – BPAC felt there may be some opportunities for temporary art installations or painting on asphalt before it is demolished.
- Colleen confirmed her interest in being appointed to the BPAC. Sara will email BPAC members to get their vote.

*M/S Jack and Josh to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4 to 0.*

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.