

Public Notice – Deaccession of “Urban Art Deco” an alleyway mural by Zack Keiss
October 25, 2021

Greeley Art Commission October 19, 2021: 5d. New Business:

The City of Greeley Public Art staff brought to the attention of the Greeley Art Commission the deteriorating condition of the artwork titled ‘Urban Art Deco’ by artist Zack Keiss that is located in the downtown alley between 8th Ave. and 9th Ave. and between 8th St. and 9th St. The artwork has been on display since June of 2014. City staff recommends the deaccession of the sculpture because the mural painted on brick is peeling. Staff and the Art Commission have concluded the artwork is damaged to the extent where repair is unreasonable or impractical.

The Art Commission understands that to display artwork in a state less than intended by the artist is poor representation of the artist and their work. Additionally displaying artwork in disrepair does not meet the mission of artistic excellence, potentially negatively impacts property values, and negatively affects public perceptions of the community.

Deaccessioning is the process used to remove, permanently, an object from the collection through sale, trade or other means. Deaccessioning requires the approval of the majority of the members of the Greeley Art Commission for two consecutive votes, with a public announcement of the proposed action to permit public input. The donor and/or artist will be notified of the Greeley Art Commission’s intent when possible. Deaccessioning shall be a seldom employed action that operates with a strong presumption against removing artworks from the collection. The Public Art Coordinator has followed the Art Commission guidelines and through due diligence has contacted the artist.

On October 19, 2021, the Art Commission unanimously approved proceeding with the deaccession process for the sculpture titled ‘Urban Art Deco’.



Input on this matter may be shared prior to the next meeting by calling Kim Snyder at 970.350.9450 or by email kim.snyder@greeleygov.com. Input may also be provided during the next Art Commission meeting.

The next Greeley Art Commission meeting and the final vote to deaccession the artwork will be held on November 15, 2021 at 4pm. The public may attend the meeting in the downtown Recreation Center room 201; please notify Kim Snyder if you plan to attend.