



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: VANESSA AGEE, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
RE: PIOTR KOPYTEK MEMORIAL FRISCO ARTS SCHOLARSHIP
DATE: JANUARY 25, 2022

Summary and Background: Piotr Kopytek, owner of Blue Heron Tattoo in Frisco since 2015, settled in Colorado because he considered it “his place on earth”. Piotr inspired countless others through his work and art and participated as an artist in Frisco's first major street mural in July 2020. Unfortunately, Frisco lost this generous and talented community member to colon cancer on July 26, 2021.

Analysis: Piotr Kopytek had a love for the Frisco community, the mountains that surround it, and the art that flourishes here. In order to honor his legacy, there is a proposal to establish an annual \$2,500 memorial scholarship in Piotr Kopytek's honor to any graduating Summit County student who is pursuing a visual arts education after high school graduation.

Suggested criteria:

- Must be a student graduating that year from Summit High School, Snowy Peaks High School, or The Peak School
- Have applied for and been admitted to a bachelor's degree program where they plan to pursue a degree in visual arts, visual arts education, or visual arts history
- Provide a portfolio, which demonstrates an ongoing interest and pursuit of the visual arts
- Show involvement in community organizations and activities that focus on the visual arts

Staff proposes that in 2022, two Town Councilmembers would review applications with staff support, and in future years, this scholarship review and selection process would be the responsibility of the Frisco Arts Council.

Financial Impact: It is proposed that this annual \$2,500 scholarship would come from the public arts budget in the capital improvement fund.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: A visual arts education supports an inclusive community where diverse talents and interests are valued, supported, and grown.

Environmental Sustainability:

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that Council approve this annual \$2,500 visual arts scholarship in memory of Piotr Kopytek, name it the Piotr Kopytek Memorial Frisco Arts Scholarship, and that the applications be reviewed by two Town Council members in 2022 and by the newly formed Frisco Arts Council starting in 2023.

Approved By:

Tony O'Rourke, Town Manager
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments: None