

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012 5:00 p.m.  
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY AUDITORIUM**

The August 9, 2012 Visual Arts Commission meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Lynn Kincanon. VAC Commissioners present: Roger Clark, alternate Greg Hoff, Nancy Jakobsson, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann (joined the meeting later), Maryjo Morgan, and Margie Rosborough. Councilman Phil Farley and staff liaison Suzanne Janssen were also present. Alyson Kinkade and Angela Canada Hopkins were not present due to preparations for the sculpture show weekend.

**Regular Agenda Items**

**Additions or corrections to the August 9<sup>th</sup> agenda:** None noted.

**Additions or corrections to the June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 minutes:** Nancy moved to accept as submitted. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Additions or corrections to the July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting minutes:** Maryjo noted that she was not present at the meeting. Roger made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen Comments:** There were no citizens present to address VAC business.

**2012 Budget – August Update:** The budget has been updated with July’s expenses. Suzanne updated the Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden budget with the recent purchase of the Nakian and Herbert Ferber sculptures. Greg suggested a change to the format of the budget to show the Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden purchases separate from the overall AIPP art purchases.

**Action Items:**

**VAC Vacancy (3 minutes):** Josh Emrich contacted staff and Sherri to resign his position on the commission due to time constraints. (Josh’s letter was read aloud later during the meeting after Sherri arrived.) There was discussion regarding the great value Josh added to the commission throughout his tenure. Nancy moved to recommend City Council appoint alternate Greg Hoff to the commission, with a request for a three-year term. Margie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden:**

Review of new purchases: The commission’s bid for the Nakian and Ferber pieces were successful. The sculpture deliveries are expected to arrive in the next couple of weeks.

- Budget Update: This item was addressed during the overall AIPP budget discussion.
- Mission statement review: This item has been tabled until September when more commissioners will be present to provide feedback.
- There was no subcommittee report.

**Adopt-A-Garden Program – Lynn Kincanon:** Prior to the regular VAC meeting, the relevant subcommittee met and reviewed prior landscaping plans (created by Kenney and Associates) for the site in 2005. While AIPP funds cannot be used for landscaping, the subcommittee recommended that mosaic walkways, artful benches, lighting, etc., could be commissioned for the site to provide a more inviting environment. While funding for 2013 is tight, this project could be undertaken at a later time. The lack of water at the site is a hurdle that will need to be addressed. There may also be interest in using that site as an Earthworks project. Greg will participate on the subcommittee after being formally appointed by City Council.

**TAAP 2-D Project:** The Library Board is open to the use of the main corridor for the project. Suzanne reported that the Library Board had not been approached for financial help as the project has always been stated as an AIPP expense. Commissioners agreed that the AIPP could afford the entire project. It was

suggested that perhaps the dedication for the 2-D TAAP and the rotating art niche project (overseen by the Library Board) could take place at the same time to support each group's effort.

**AIMS Mural:** Suzanne reported that representatives from AIMS, Erion Foundation and other partners met to review the student artwork submitted for the project. They decided that due to the small number of entries, Sheldon would work with two of the artists who presented strongest designs to develop a final concept. An additional \$3,000 is needed to fund the increase in hours for Sheldon's design time. Additional assistance with the actual painting process is also needed and commissioners are encouraged to participate as desired.

The commission was not interested in providing additional funding to the project at that time. Commissioners stated they would be available for a special meeting to approve the artwork in the coming weeks should the design be forwarded to staff.

**Madison Avenue Bridge: Janet Meisel-Burns:** This item was tabled until September's meeting; however, Suzanne provided a brief description of the project, which is likely to include ironwork (or other adornment) along the visible sections of new pedestrian underpass. The RFP process will need to be expedited as it must be complete by April 2013.

**Postcards:** Councilman Ralph Trenary suggested to Susan Ison that postcards be created from Transformations Project artwork. Commissioners were asked to consider which artworks should be included. It was suggested that perhaps postcards with thumbnail images of each year's boxes be created. This item will be discussed at a later date.

#### **Staff Updates**

**Transformations Project:** All but three artists have completed their cabinets. Commissioners were reminded of the dedication which will take place on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Loveland's Night on the Town activities. Invitations will be sent within a week. The disposal of painted cabinets was raised (again). Greg will speak with Steve Adams about the disposal process to see if there is any way to save any cabinets removed by the Power Department due to safety concerns.

**Rolling Dancing Moon by Reven Swanson Installation:** Installation is pending an opening in Ken Williams' schedule. It is anticipated the artwork will be installed within the month.

**I-25/Highway 34 Interchange IGA:** Contract revisions have not yet been received from the City Attorney for staff review.

**Mehaffey Park Design Concepts:** Robert Tully will re-present his design concepts in September. The commission will review all design concepts and determine which items will be commissioned.

#### **City Council Report**

Councilman Farley discussed the following items:

- Loveland Downtown Team will host a visioning session on August 22, 1-5 p.m. at the Rialto Theater Center.
- Councilman Farley discussed the budgeting process with City Manager Bill Cahill. It appears that monies for the Community Marketing Commission are also charged with support staff. This process is done to provide a more accurate measurement for the true costs of City programs. The IT and City Attorney departmental costs are not presently charged against City departments.
- The Artspace Project is moving along. The project is seeking funding for low income housing tax credits.
- The Brinkman Project will seek final approval in September.
- The Pulliam Building Project is still in the works. City funding will likely be added to the project, which will allow the incorporation of AIPP artwork.
- On September 18<sup>th</sup> Susan Ison will speak to City Council regarding the allocation of funds for hiring an architect and development coordinator for the Museum/Gallery expansion.

- Two candidates, Dave Clark and Paul Mueller, are running for the vacant Ward 4 seat on City Council.

### **Information Sharing**

- Kirsten Kokkin and Sheldon James have a new exhibition at Artworks Loveland.
- Several monumental Lundeen sculptures have been installed along Highway 34 at the Dairy Queen.
- Suzanne coordinated and will host the Artist Business Practices Seminars for Sculpture in the Park sculptors on Friday, August 10, 2012. Merlin Cohen, Jeannine Young, Kendra Fleischman, Garland Weeks, Creative Tool Box, Judy O’Gorman and Felicia Harmon will be presenting during these seminars.
- September 28<sup>th</sup>, Alternatives to Violence is hosting a golf tournament and is seeking sponsorships, as well as players.
- Councilman Farley recommended viewing the PBS production, *Saving Philanthropy: Resources to Results*. Roger mentioned that the current trend in philanthropy is accountability, the desire for measurable results from non-profit organizations.
- Suzanne mentioned a realtor in town is looking for a home with built in studio space for two sculptors that are relocating to the City of Loveland.
- The August 27<sup>th</sup> Artist Collective meeting will be held at Columbine Gallery at 6:30 p.m.
- An article featuring first-time SITP participant, Monty Taylor, ran in the 8-9-2012 Reporter-Herald newspaper.
- The Independence Gallery and frame shop is moving into the location which housed Blair Muhlestein’s studio.

### **Adjournment**

Sherri moved to adjourn. Maryjo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Length (1:10):** The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

**Handouts:** Budgets: August 2012 AIPP (overall) and Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden