

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012 5:00 p.m.
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY AUDITORIUM**

The October 11, 2012 Visual Arts Commission meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann. VAC Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Alyson Kinkade, Maryjo Morgan and Margie Rosborough. Councilman Phil Farley and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen were also present. Lynn Kincanon reported her absence in advance.

Regular Agenda Items

October 11, 2012 agenda: 1) correction re I-25 / Highway 34 Interchange: changed to action item, 2) addition re 3rd and Lincoln (Leslie Cleaners' site) under staff updates
August 28, 2012 special meeting minutes: Roger moved to adopt as written. Margie Rosborough seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.
September 13, 2012 meeting minutes: Councilman Farley noted that the interest rate related to Artspace should be 9%, not 4% as written.
September 13, 2012 meeting minutes: Maryjo moved to accept as amended. Greg seconded the motion. The vote was passed unanimously.
September 24, 2012 special meeting minutes: tabled until next meeting.
There were no citizens present to comment on VAC business.
October 2012 Budget Update was conducted.

Action Items:

Maintenance Feedback: Deb Bakel: Contractor Deb Bakel reported on the condition of non-Benson Park sculptures within the City collection. Deb offered her insight to the present condition of several sculptures within the collection where the immediate environment negatively affects the artwork. She cited carbon deposits (from the summer fires), sap/pine needles from trees and mineral deposits from the non-potable water used to irrigate parks, which have affected patinas. Deb recommended hiring a conservator to perform an annual review of all sculptures, utilizing a simple checklist indicating whether a cold/hot wax or special treatment is warranted. Deb shared photographs of a hot wax treatment performed on *The Departure* by George Lundeen. Her example illustrated the need for additional maintenance on a sculpture which was due for only a cold wax treatment.

Suzanne will speak with Pat Kipper about the possibility and cost of reviewing the entire collection via a checklist system that would include more detailed condition reports for those sculptures in need of special treatments.

Loveland Sculpture Garden: The auction bid for the Chaim Gross sculpture, *The Dance*, was successful! The updated project budget was distributed. The overall project will be discussed in greater detail during the VAC annual retreat to be held on November 15th. Suzanne will compile the sculpture garden project notebooks for the retreat.

Mehaffey Park Artwork by Robert Tully Second Reading

- The legal notice for the Mehaffey Park art designs ran in the Reporter-Herald. No public feedback was received.
- Margie moved to accept the three public art elements as presented in the September meeting. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Madison Avenue Bridge Project Recommendation: Due to the very limited budget for this project, staff recommended that the commission hire an artist for design concepts, reserving any remaining AIPP funds for possible inclusion into the fabrication budget. The artist would work closely with the Project Manager (Janet

Meisel-Burns). The Parks Department will be responsible for the fabrication and ongoing maintenance of the fence. There will be no obligation for the Parks Department to execute the artist's design should it exceed their budget. Four artists were recommended for the commission's review.

Roger moved to spend up to \$1,500 for artistic design for the proposed railing. Any additional VAC funding for the fence remains open. Nancy seconded the motion. The subcommittee of Janet Meisel-Burns and VAC representatives Roger and Maryjo will recommend the final design.

Postcards: Samples of the postcards were distributed for VAC review. Commissioners preferred the postcards illustrate only one side of the box, rather than the entire box and its environment. Price estimates were shared. Suzanne will bring back one-sided samples at a future meeting for the VAC's final review.

Term Expirations – Review of commissioner list: Sherri, Alyson, and Margie were made aware that they need to reapply for the Visual Arts Commission, if they wish to be considered for an additional term. Greg was already re-appointed for a three-year term (due to his fulfillment of a vacated seat in September).

Retreat Determine agenda: The retreat is scheduled for November 15th, noon – 5:00 p.m. in the Phyllis Walby Conference Room. Prior to determining the agenda, Roger moved to vacate the regular commission meeting on November 8th in exchange for the November 15th annual retreat. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commission members discussed potential topics for the retreat.

I-25/Highway 34 Interchange IGA: The Intergovernmental Agreement has been finalized. Commissioners confirmed their contribution of \$86,750 to this project. This figure includes the Art in Public Places Program covering the competition expense and a contingency. This item will go before City Council for the appropriation of funds on November 20, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

Staff Updates

Rolling Dancing Moon by Reven Swanson Installation: Installation is complete. Commissioners agreed that the sculpture looks terrific and draws attention to the site.

AIMS Mural Project: The mural dedication was well-attended. Commissioners expressed their pleasure as a wonderful addition to the AIMS campus building.

TAAP 2-D Project: The subcommittee was asked to meet at the end of the meeting.

3rd and Lincoln Avenue (former Leslie Cleaner's Site): Staff met with Mike Scholl and Kris Lee (Kenney & Associates) about the site design. There was consensus to add one plinth for a large-scale sculpture placement as part of the 2013 TAAP on-loan program. This placement will be reserved for Loveland artists as a local showcase. A decorative wall (or screen for the parking lot) is also desired. Final drawings will be available soon and will be shared with the commission. The VAC will serve as the "eyes" for the artwork selection; however, at this point in time, no AIPP funds will be used for this temporary site.

City Council Report

Councilman Farley addressed the following topics:

- 1) An Oil and Gas Public Forum to be held at the October 23rd City Council Meeting
- 2) Loveland Airport: The departure of Allegiant Airlines from the Ft. Collins/Loveland Airport.
- 3) Artspace: A public reception (to be attended by the CEO of Artspace) will be held on November 7th, 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Devereaux Room of the Rialto Theater Center.

Information Sharing

Attendance to the Museum LIVE celebration (of the Museum's Reaccreditation) was discussed. Information regarding Chicago's temporary sculpture installations was circulated.

Adjournment: At 6:45, Maryjo moved to adjourn. Margie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.