

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013
5:00 p.m. LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM

The January 10, 2013 VAC 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, Lynn Kincanon, and Margie Rosborough. City Councilman Phil Farley and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen were also present. Guest: Gary Long and Judy O’Gorman. Maryjo Morgan reported her absence in advance.

Preliminary Matters

There was one change to the January 10, 2013 meeting agenda: Action Item G: Proposed Donation by Gary and Judy Long (*Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller)

There were no additions or corrections to the December 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Roger moved to accept the minutes as written. Nancy seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Meeting guest Judy O’Gorman was introduced to the commission as a recent applicant to the Visual Arts Commission. The request for her appointment will go to City Council for approval on January 15th.

Citizen Comments: Loveland resident Gary Long asked to address the commission regarding a proposal to donate a life-sized bronze sculpture, *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller, to the City at 50% of the appraised value. (He presented a letter of appraisal indicating the piece’s value at \$145,000.) The work features two Kodiak bears and is presently on display at the Dairy Queen at Highway 34 and Highway 287. The sculpture is number one in an edition of six sculptures cast. Mr. Long reported that the other five sculptures are owned by the following entities: The City of Kirkland, OR; City of Vail, CO; Baylor University, Texas; Dillon Nature Center in Hutchinson, KS; and the Gannett Family. Mr. Long is actively seeking buyers; however, his preference would be to give it to the City of Loveland. Authentication paperwork and the bronze maquette of *Mountain Comrades* were left for the commission’s review.

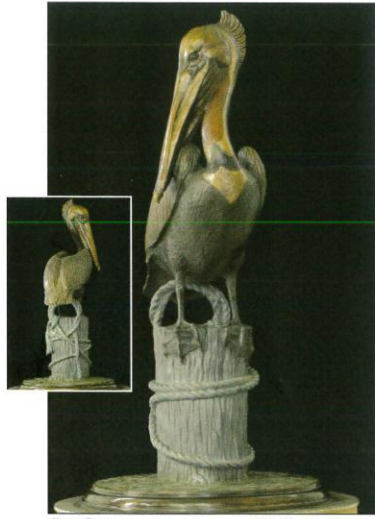
Action Items

2013 Election of Officers: Subcommittee Nominations: Following subcommittee discussion, Angela moved that Sherri continue to serve as Chairperson. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Angela recommended that Lynn continue to serve as Vice Chairperson. Due to personal considerations, Lynn withdrew her nomination. The subcommittee will reconsider the Vice Chairperson position and bring suggestions to a future meeting.

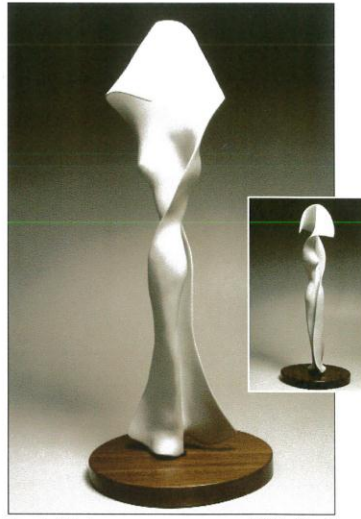
Loveland High Plains Arts Council Presentation of 2013 Donations: Mac Juneau recapped the 2012 Sculpture in the Park success and thanked the commissioners and staff for their volunteer efforts. Mac discussed the extensive technical review process undertaken prior to the selection of the proposed donations and paperwork for the three sculptures was distributed. (See next page.) The three proposed sculptures are: *Pelicans Ahoy!* by Jim Green; *Pause for Reflection* by Laurel Peterson Gregory; and, *Girly Curl* by Harold Linke.

Mac indicated that the leg of the pelican (*Pelicans Ahoy!*) is connected to the tail to provide additional stability within the sculpture. Additionally, while the installation locations are to be finalized, *Pause for Reflection* will likely be placed at the weir, as the wetland pond will be reworked by the Parks Department. This location will allow for easier relocation, if needed.

Loveland High Plains Arts Council
2013 Benson Sculpture Garden Additions



Jim Green "Pelican Ahoy!"



Harold Linke "Girly Curl"



Laurel Peterson Gregory "Pause for Reflection"

Suzanne reminded commissioners that this meeting is used to share concerns/feedback on the proposed donations. The first and final reading will be done in February 2013. Gratitude was expressed to Mac and Polly for their Board's generosity and commitment to Benson Park Sculpture Garden.

2013 The Art Advocacy Project, 2D at Loveland Public Library: After describing the subcommittee's process, seven paintings (six finalists and one alternate) were recommended for inclusion in The Art Advocacy Project, 2D program. The subcommittee recommendations were: *Cloth Spiral* by Arielle Barr; *Magnolias* by Regina Connelly; *Hanging Lake: Winter Ballet* by Lyse Dzija; *All About the Ladder* by Mollie Walker Freeman; *Peace* by Fran Judd; *Lost Canyon* by Ruth Scott; *Papaver Orientale* by Katherine Warren. Roger moved to approve all 6 recommendations as presented. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Roger also moved the alternate be accepted provided there is adequate space within the Library to do so. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioners were reminded that the dedication will be on Friday, February 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Library.

Artspace Wall: Felicia Harmon (on behalf of Artspace) is submitting a grant to assist funding a 200+ foot wall required by the Burlington/Northern Railroad to prevent pedestrians from crossing the railroad tracks into downtown. The wall is to be erected from east of the Feed & Grain building (along Railroad Avenue) to

Fourth Street. There is a desire to make an artistically inspired wall, and AIPP participation is desired. If interested, the art wall would be a collaborative project between Artspace, Public Works and the Visual Arts Commission. More information will be forthcoming if the grant is successful.

- **2013 Calls for Artists:** Drafts of all calls for entry were emailed to commissioners prior to the meeting. Commissioners provided written feedback, discussed and approved timelines for each project. Suzanne will post all calls for entry on the CAFÉ website as soon as possible.

2012 Accomplishments and 2013 Goals: A draft of 2012 accomplishments and 2013 goals was emailed to commissioners for review prior to the meeting. Additions: 1) Increased public participation in artwork selection process, 2) Replanting of *The Grove*

February VAC Meeting: Due to Valentine's Day and a large Museum-sponsored event, the February VAC meeting will be moved to Thursday, February 7th. A reminder was given that the March meeting will be moved to Thursday, March 7th due to the City-wide Boards & Commission's Dinner.

Proposed Donation of *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller: This item will be discussed in February. Commissioners were encouraged to view the artwork prior to the February 7th meeting. An updated appraisal estimate was suggested and will be discussed at the February meeting.

Staff Updates

Third Street and Lincoln Avenue Project: The selection process for this TAAP site will be discussed at the February meeting.

InsideOutside Project: Staff reported that preliminary approval has been given by the City Manager, pending receipt of information about the removal/deterioration of the artwork over time.

Madison Avenue Underpass Railing: Staff reported that the Parks Department may need the artistic railing designs by April 2013 in order to include the railing within the construction bid package. Tim will be contacted to begin the design process should the drawings be needed by April.

City Council Presentation: The date for the AIPP State of the Art presentation will be May 21, 2013.

City Council Updates

Councilman Farley shared the following updates:

- Results of the City's Quality of Life survey showed 95% of Lovelanders feel safe within the community; 88% feel there are opportunities to enjoy art within the City (9th highest rating overall)
- Promotional billboards along I-25 will be erected soon
- The City Council "advance" will be held on Saturday, January 26th, 8:00 a.m. at Group Publishing

Information Sharing: In a recent obituary, Benson Sculpture Garden was specifically mentioned as being a favorite place in Loveland for the deceased individual.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting length: 2 hours