

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2013
5:00 p.m. LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The March 7th, 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, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Margie Rosborough. City Councilman Phil Farley and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen were also present. Lynn Kincanon reported her absence in advance.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the March 7, 2013 meeting agenda: Additions: Action Items: Pecha Kucha, Maintenance Survey, City Councilor list of issues, Fire Station #2; Staff Updates: SCFD; Correction: Fire Station #6 should read be listed as “Fire Station#2”.

Correction to February 7, 2013 meeting minutes: The word “to” is missing from the final sentence on page 1. Roger moved to accept the minutes as written. Margie seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizens present to comment on Art in Public Places business.

VAC Business/Action Items

Subcommittee Recommendations for the Loveland Service Center: Suzanne provided a review of the artwork selection panel processes. There were 32 artists applications received and reviewed by the subcommittee panel, which included three City staff members, three VAC members and two citizen jurors. Suzanne explained that the proposed donation/purchase of *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller was also shared with this jury panel. The jury panel considered the donation; however, their primary focus was selecting one artist to serve on the project’s design team. After the artist recommendation was determined, the panel said it was in favor of placing this sculpture at this site, if the VAC was in favor of the concept.

The subcommittee chose artist, Andy Dufford and alternate, Tom Latka. Their resumes and portfolio images were provided to and reviewed by the commission. Ken Cooper (City Facility Manager) shared his positive feedback regarding the recommended artist and the donation/ purchase of *Mountain Comrades*. Ken also provided an update on the project budget, which may be larger than originally discussed, allowing additional AIPP funds. Nancy moved to accept the subcommittee recommendation of hiring Andy Dufford to serve on the design team for the Service Center expansion project; with Tom Latka as the alternate. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission discussed the impact purchasing *Mountain Comrades* for the Service Center project would have on the project’s budget. Roger moved to set the budget for developing the site-specific entryway artwork at an amount of \$65,000. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

***Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller – Proposed donation by Gary and Judy Long:** Greg moved that a commission liaison approach Gary to determine an agreeable purchase price for *Mountain Comrades* and report back to the commission for final approval. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed with 7 ayes and one abstaining vote.

Fire Station #2: Ken reported on the fire station subcommittee jury panel process. There were 30 applications received and reviewed by the subcommittee of three City staff members, 3 VAC members and one Loveland citizen. Artist, Ken Williams, and the alternate of artists Scott Freeman and Austin Weischel were recommend by the jury panel. The design team is open to the artist’s recommendations and does not plan to mandate that the artwork must relate directly to fire history or services. The team would like to address the exterior of the building rather than any interior spaces due to limited public presence inside the building.

After review of the artists’ resumes and portfolio images, Roger moved to accept the recommendation of hiring Ken Williams to serve on the design team for the Fire Station #2 project and the team of Scott Freeman and Austin Weischel as the alternate.

(Old) Fire Station #2: There was an inquiry regarding whether or not the Visual Arts Commission should push for the Fire Exhibit at this City location (as the Brinkman development has displaced that exhibit at the former museum expansion site. Susan explained the history of the donations which are owned/maintained by the Museum/Gallery. Presently, there is no funding, personnel or space to display and operate that exhibit. While the next use for the building is unknown, several City departments have expressed interest in using this site.

City Council Discussion Points: Commissioners were encouraged to meet with city councilors about the Art in Public Places program. Sherri distributed a list of suggested discussion topics.

Foundations: A Journey of American Sculpture Exhibit: Suzanne reported that Mel Schockner will be photographing the sculpture collection for promotional purposes and an exhibit catalog. There is interest in applying for a Community Marketing Commission grant for the promotion of this exhibition.

Pecha Kucha: Susan inquired as to whether or not the commission was still interested in pursuing this type of event as a reach out activity. It was determined that staff will look into the best method of presentation and report back to the commission.

Maintenance Survey: Suzanne shared the estimate for Patrick Kipper to review up to 149 sculptures within the City collection to give feedback on immediate needs. This survey would include citing vandalism, normal wear & tear, site contaminants, plinth and name plate condition. Nancy moved to approve the quick survey at the estimate price. Maryjo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Updates

Grove by Danielle Miller and Roger Clark: Danielle requested that the cherry trees be planted in a circular design, close enough so that the mature canopies touch one another. She requested different grasses or different length grasses be planted within the circle. Commissioners were reminded that the planting date for *Grove* is Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m. The back-up rain date is Saturday, April 27th.

Madison Avenue Underpass Railing: Tim Upham is to meet with Janet Meisel-Burns about the railing project timeline.

TAAP 2013: 3rd and Lincoln "Showcase" Site: The Economic Development Department will provide \$10,000 for artwork at this site. In addition to the plinth created specifically for TAAP, additional temporary artwork may be installed at that site. Following the meeting, a subcommittee of Sherri, Angela, and Judy agreed to discuss the overall concept of this site.

Scientific Cultural Services District (SCFD): Susan will share the SCFD PowerPoint presentation (given to City Council in February) at the May 9th meeting.

City Council Update

Councilman Farley reported that City Council is addressing the following items:

- Replacing the City's water treatment plant
- Updating the City's water utility infrastructure
- The City's Power Enterprise Fund
- Fracking: Passed first reading

Information Sharing:

- Susan will be attending the Colorado Creative Communities conference in Pueblo and will miss the April meeting.
- Susan reported that Abbie Powell (The Ranch) may be interested in having The Art Advocacy Project and Transformations Project expand onto their location in 2014. More information will follow once known.
- News articles pertaining to the arts were distributed.
- Sherri reported that the Loveland High Plains Arts Council is actively looking for property near Benson Sculpture Garden to expand the park.
- Roger reported that the February Artist Collective meeting was well attended and very informative.

Citing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. **Meeting length: 2:31**