

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY AUDITORIUM, 5:00 p.m.**

The August 15, 2013 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:02p.m. by Chairperson Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Charlie Jackson, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, and Margie Rosborough. Councilman Farley, staff liaison Suzanne Janssen, first alternate Sara Turner and second alternate Abbie Powers were also present.

Preliminary Matters

Introduction of New VAC Member Charlie Jackson and two alternates, Sara Turner and Abbie Powers: Loveland citizen Charlie Jackson was recently appointed to the Visual Arts Commission, filling Lynn Kincanon’s vacancy. Sara Turner and Abbie Powers were recommended as alternates. Following introductions, Charlie, Sara and Abbie all provided brief personal backgrounds and were welcomed to the commission.

Additions or corrections to the August 15, 2013 meeting agenda: Action Items: None

Correction to the July 11 meeting minutes: There were no corrections cited. Roger moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

VAC Business/Action Items

The Dawning Bike Rack by Mark Upson: Suzanne indicated *The Dawning* was recently reinstalled in Painter’s Alley near the Cactus Grill’s patio. Additionally, the City’s Public Works Department has expressed interest in placing additional bike racks in other locations throughout the City. Suzanne recommended *Bill* by Reuben Crespín be moved from the present location along Cleveland Street to a more active location. If there is a need for additional bike racks within the City, an opportunity may exist for a larger public art project.

Permission to use photo: Permission to use images of Roy Wilce’s tapestry as a headline banner for a 2014 Earth Day website and other promotional event material was sought by a local organizer. After discussion, the request was denied due to copyright restrictions and the inability to obtain the artist’s permission/feedback to do so.

Madison Avenue Railing Design by Tim Upham: Parks management staff expressed continued concern over the long-term maintenance of Tim’s alternative design upon the proposed fence line at the Madison Avenue trail section. Due to the limited funds generated by this project and the inability to reduce Parks’ maintenance concerns, staff recommended the project, in its present form, not be pursued. The commission may look at alternative installation sites at that section of the trail system or on the bridge.

Maintenance Survey Letter: Greg accepted a request that he work with staff to discuss the present maintenance policy with Pat Kipper and address his maintenance concerns.

I-25/Highway 34 Interchange Jury Process: This item was postponed until after staff updates.

Staff Updates

Transformations Project: All cabinets are completed and clear coated. The dedication will be Friday, September 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the Museum/Gallery Auditorium as part of the Night on the Town activities.

Third and Lincoln Plaza: Sandi Nelsen’s mosaics are partially installed. The remaining panels will be installed by the end of August. Her artwork will be dedicated during the September 13th dedication for the Transformations Project, as well. It was noted that Korby Landscaping did an excellent job constructing the walls to precisely fit the artwork.

Loveland Service Center: A preliminary design concept has been shared with Suzanne and the City’s Facility Manager. The final installation site has not been finalized with the architects but staff anticipates a presentation in September. Suzanne indicated that the AIPP budget for the Service Center are more than originally anticipated and should cover the majority of the expense for *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller.

Cultural Services Annual Report: The first annual Cultural Services Annual Report was distributed to the commission.

September Agenda Items: The items for the September 12th meeting were discussed. An additional meeting may be necessary to review the Service Center and Fire Station #2 design concept presentations.

I-25/Highway 34 Interchange Jury Process: The commission spent a significant portion of the meeting determining the detailed voting process for the Interstate 25/Highway 34 artwork selection. Specific items are indicated below:

- All public feedback received through email and the written form will be sent to jurors on Friday, September 6th. (Jurors desiring a printed copy should contact Suzanne.) Jurors will be expected to review the comments prior to the September 12th meeting.
- July 11th presentation materials should be reviewed prior to the September 12th meeting.
- The September 12th meeting will be held at the Rialto Theater Center, Devereaux Room.
- The Chairperson will determine whether or not public comment on the project will be heard during Citizen Comments. If granted, individuals may speak up to the specified time limit. Individuals will be encouraged to add only new information or opinions not previously stated.
- Suggested guidelines for the artwork selection criteria were discussed.
- Voting Process:
 - Three rounds of voting will be held. Jurors cannot apply more than one vote to any sculpture during a voting round.
 - Round 1: Jurors have 3 votes (to be made with sticky dots).
 - Round 2: Jurors have 2 votes (to be made with sticky dots).
 - Round 3: Jurors have 1 vote. Vote will be written onto paper, placed face down then revealed for tally.
- Public feedback to the legal notice will be shared at the October meeting prior to the second reading.

City Council Update

- Economic Development announced that *Madwire* will be leasing the Third Floor of the Rialto Theater Center.
- Fees for the Oil and Gas industry drilling within Loveland were pulled from a recent City Council agenda but are expected to be addressed at a future meeting.
- Marijuana discussion: City Council unanimously voted to deny retail and marijuana crop growth in Loveland. Individuals may possess or grow for personal use per state regulations
- The House of Neighborly Service (HNS) asked for a \$500,000 in grant (\$250,000 funds with a matching grant of \$250,000); and waiving of \$280,000 in fees. (This item will be voted on at a later date.)

Information Sharing

- Roger encouraged commissioners to attend Rialto Theater Manager Jan Sawyer's Going Away Party on Tuesday, August 20th from 3-6 p.m.
- Sculpture in the Park was very successful. No official revenue estimates are yet available.
- A flyer regarding artistically painted refrigerators, used to promote refrigerator recycling programs, was distributed. The City's Power Department will participate in a similar promotional effort.

Adjournment: Charlie moved to adjourn. Margie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting length: 1:41