

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2014
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: AUDITORIUM
5:00 PM – REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The January 9th, 2014 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Margie Rosborough. Also present were: Polly and Mac Juneau (Loveland High Plains Arts Council), Loveland resident Bob Bostwick, Councilman Phil Farley, and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen. Charlie Jackson was absent.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the January 9th meeting agenda: There were no changes to the agenda.

Corrections to the December 12th, 2013 meeting minutes: There were no corrections requested and Roger moved to approve the minutes as presented. Maryjo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen comments: No citizens expressed interest in commenting on any VAC business.

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Commission Members/Leadership: Sherri turned the meeting over to the nomination subcommittee (Nancy, Angela and Roger) who nominated Margie Rosborough to be the new Chairperson of the VAC, with Angela Canada-Hopkins as the Vice Chair. Both Margie and Angela accepted the nominations and Roger moved for approval. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Susan announced that Charlie Jackson and Roger Clark will be recommended for reappointment with Sarah Turner and Abby Powers also recommended for reappointments as alternates. The City Council will make a final vote at a future meeting.

B. Loveland High Plains Arts Council Presentation of 2014 Donations, Mac and Polly Juneau:

Mac provided a review of the August Sculpture in the Park show. It was a successful show and sales were up 40%. Mac recognized and expressed appreciation for the contribution of the commissioners. The five pieces presented for the 2014 LHPAC Donation are:

1. *Tree* by Jane DeDecker. Description: Bronze figure with outstretched arms. Note: Cast locally at Art Castings.

2. *Painting Music* by Angela De la Vega. Description: Bronze figure reclining on tree stump with pencil in hand. Notes: The piece was modified to have thicker leaves and stubbier limbs, a shorter pencil and change of hand angle to better protect against vandalism. Cast locally at Art Castings.

3. *Seed Pod Cairn* by Tom Herzog. Description: Stone and Brick. Bricks stacked 9’ tall with 1’ opening for stones inside a pod with a cement base. Note: Stones will be pinned together and the round rocks in center will be held together on a steel rod from base to top. The color gradient changes on the brick from bottom to top.

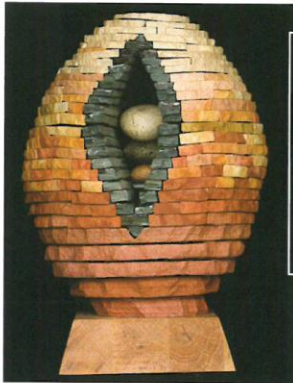
4. *Cultural Pedestrians* by Sue Quinlan. Description: Concrete and steel totems. Note: 3-5 individual totems will be chosen from the complete work.

5. *Rising Rainbow* by David Turner. Description: Bronze rainbow trout. Note: Tail support will be reinforced with steel rods inside the bronze.

Jane DeDecker
"Tree"



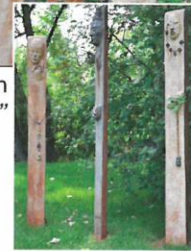
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While there were approximately 80 pieces submitted by artists for consideration, 20 were chosen for serious consideration then a technical committee reviewed the structural, aesthetic, safety and

maintenance issues and were ranked according to feedback. The total retail value of the 2014 donations was approximately \$157,300. The total value of the Benson Sculpture Park collection is now over \$4 million. This figure does not take into consideration the capital improvements paid for by the Loveland High Plains Arts Council over the years.

C. 2014 2D TAAP at Loveland Public Library, Suzanne: The 2014 TAAP 2D finalists were announced and the VAC asked to approve the selection. The recommended finalists are: *One* by Fran Judd, *Inari* by India Ison, *The Storyteller* by Charles, *Front Range Home*, *Circa 2013 A.D.* by Leann Harding, *Milner-Schwartz House* by Jim Digby, and *Seeing is Believing* by Julie Bender. The alternates are *Singing the Blues* by Pat Saunders-White and *Colorful Cloak* by Brittney Neighbors. The pieces will most likely be installed in the Library the last week of January with a dedication in March. Sherri moved for approval. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

D. 2013 Accomplishments and 2014 Goals, Suzanne: The VAC was asked to make any last changes or additions to the Accomplishments and Goals. The following items were added to the list:

- A. Creation on an Art in Public Places Facebook page (separate from Museum/Gallery FB page)
- B. Art project by Loveland youth
- C. Explore options for improving aesthetics at site of *The Gathering* by Linda Prokop
- D. *State of the Art in Loveland* presentation to City Council
- E. Field Trip to major art exhibition
- F. Understanding trends of public art presentation/discussion by staff

It was also discussed that the VAC take some tours of artist's studios as well as reassess current projects and eliminate any if needed. In connection with the April 2014 exhibition at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, *Foundations, A Journey through American Sculpture*, Suzanne will have postcards made for the Museum/Gallery gift shop of all artworks within this collection.

Margie Rosborough and Charlie Jackson will be attending the Boards and Commissions Dinner on February 27th at the Best Western Hotel.

E. Beyond Tomorrow Transformer Update, Suzanne: Kim O'Field with the Water and Power Department will be getting price estimates and possible dates for the transformer box *Beyond Tomorrow* to be painted over.

Staff Updates

A. Interstate 25/Highway 34: Suzanne is currently working with Moses Garcia (City Attorney) and the Actian team should be under contract by the end of the week. Doug Erion would like to provide periodic updates on the team's progress. He will be at the February meeting.

B. Service Center, Suzanne: Andy Dufford is under contract and the project is moving forward.

C. Fire Station #2: Ken Williams is under contract and the project is moving forward.

City Council Update

Councilman Phil Farley updated the VAC on the last City Council meeting. Items discussed were:

- A. Loveland City budget is in good standing.
- B. There was a long discussion on Council reappointing a member of planning commission, who presently serves on another commission
- C. The City signed an IGA with the County for the new Courthouse Building between 2nd and 3rd Street and between Lincoln and Cleveland.

- D. Other business matters include, the City hiring an intern at the airport, and gave the judge a raise. Additionally, the City is contributing to the Sculpture in the Dark event and Octoberfest as “Engaging Loveland” has been dissolved.
- E. The City approved a park out by Centerra.

Information Sharing

- There will be a feature on City of Loveland in the next issue of Sunset Magazine.
- There are Sculpture magazines available if anyone is interested.
- Sherri Heckel-Kuhlman was praised for her service and specifically recognized for helping the VAC get through some tough times these last couple of years.

Adjournment

At 6:20, Nancy made a motion to adjourn. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Length of meeting – 1:20