

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**  
**LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**5:00 PM – REGULAR VAC BUSINESS**

The February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 pm by Vice Chairperson Angela Canada-Hopkins. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann, Charlie Jackson, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman. Margie Rosborough excused herself in advance of the meeting. Also present were: Polly and Mac Juneau (Loveland High Plains Arts Council), Councilman Phil Farley, and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen. Members of the Equinox LLC. team were present as well as ten citizens.

**Preliminary Matters**

**Additions or corrections to the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda:** An agenda item, Boards and Commissions, was added to VAC Business.

**Corrections to the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes:** It was pointed out that Jane DeDecker’s piece *Tree* will be cast at MADD Castings, not Art Castings. Angela moved to approve the minutes with the change. Maryjo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Citizen comments:** There were two citizens present to comment on VAC business. Jennye wanted to know what the process was to choose the *Equinox* piece. Suzanne informed her of the process that was followed to choose the piece, including the application process, the presentations, public feedback and voting. Jenny Smith expressed concern that the artists were not invited to be at the final vote and that the commissioners and citizen jurors felt intimidated to vote for this particular piece (*Equinox*) because these particular artists were present at the meeting. Jenny was also confused about the workshop and what it was doing for the community. Suzanne clarified the plan for the workshop and how the kids in the community will participate. She also needed clarification on how the *Equinox* piece was going to help the local economy and it was clarified that most of the jobs with installation and traffic will be local.

**2014 Budget:** The updated 2014 budget was distributed to VAC members for review.

**VAC Business/Action Items**

**A. Loveland High Plains Arts Council donations, Polly Juneau:**

- a. Legal Notice feedback: Suzanne reported that there was no feedback to discuss.
- b. Discussion: There was no discussion among VAC members regarding the donations.
- c. Vote: Polly Juneau asked to waive the second reading and approval of the donations.  
The VAC then voted on each piece individually:
  1. *Tree* by Jane DeDecker. Nancy moved to waive the second reading and accept the donation as presented. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  2. *Painting Music* by Angela De la Vega. Roger moved to waive the second reading and accept the donation as presented. Sherrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  3. *Seed Pod* by Tom Herzog. Roger moved to waive the second reading and accept the donation as presented. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  4. *Cultural Pedestrians* by Sue Quinlin. Nancy moved to waive the second reading and accept the donation as presented. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  5. *Rising Rainbow* by David Turner. Roger moved to waive the second reading and accept the donation as presented. Gregg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- MaryJo moved to officially thank the LHPAC for their generous donations. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Equinox by Doug Erion, Doug Rutledge and Jack Kreutzer:**

- Legal Entity: Originally the team was going to complete the project under the name Actian, but have instead decided to use the name Equinox, LLC. The team also informed the VAC of a slight change on the design. Instead of a beet image for the iconography on the horse, they will instead be using an image that resembles a computer chip representative of the companies and technologies that have contributed so much to Loveland's economy. Judy O'Gorman suggested that perhaps the team might want to think about starting an *Equinox* website.
- Contract: The contract is on track to be signed as soon as some issues that need to be worked out including insurance, questions about access to the site and some issues with CDOT. There was also some discussion about applications and a time schedule, but nothing was decided.
- Student Workshop: The student workshops are organized and the team has received over 30 applications so far. They will take place on Monday and Tuesday and will be divided up into two different groups: Elementary and High School.
- Landscaping: The team is working on getting a more natural landscape plan with berms covered with prairie grass and small, natural shrubbery. They will be working with McWhinney landscaping and the *Equinox* team will get an estimate on cost before the VAC votes on it.

C. **2014 TAAP subcommittee recommendation:** The subcommittee recommended that the VAC move forward with this project as has been done in previous years. They would like to list the call on CaFE to search for six sculptures. The deadline will be the end of March and the jury panel will decide on the recommendations for the finalists the first week of April. The VAC will then be able to vote on the recommendations at the April meeting. Also, the monumental piece Mountain Comrades will be moved in August, so the timeline for finding another monumental piece to replace it will be a little different this year. Roger moved to separate the monumental piece from the TAAP program. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **2014 Transformations subcommittee recommendation:** The Transformations subcommittee recommended that this program continue as it has in the past by choosing five boxes this year. They are still looking at locations and plan to put out a call at the end of May and the artists will complete them during the summer months. MaryJo made a motion to take the recommendation of the subcommittee. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. **Maintenance Update:** Pat Kipper is under contract to do a survey of the collection as was discussed in previous meetings. His report is due at the end of February at which time a call for bids will go out to perform the maintenance.

F. **Boards and Commissions:** The dinner will be held on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Margie and MaryJo will be attending. Also, the Performance Based Budget meeting is also looking for VAC members to attend the meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. MaryJo will be attending with Roger and Margie checking their schedules.

**Staff Updates**

- A. 2014 TAAP 2D: It has all been installed at the Library and members of the VAC were given invitations to the opening next month.
- B. Service Center: Suzanne distributed a map of the Service Center and gave an overview of what the landscaping will look like and where the sculptures will be placed, specifically

- Mountain Comrades. Also, Andy is on track to get his piece installed and everything looks to be going smoothly. He is working with the engineers to get an exact placing for his piece that will give the sculpture the optimal support that it needs.
- C. Fire Station #2: Ken Williams is having the base for his sculpture poured at the same time that the Fire Station is pouring their concrete to save on cost. Everything looks to be on schedule and going smoothly.
- D. Repainting of *Beyond Tomorrow* by Margie Ellis: Kim O'Field is getting bids on how much it will cost, but they plan to paint over it as soon as the weather will cooperate.

**City Council Update, Phil Farley:**

- Priority Based Budgeting: Phil gave an overview of what the plan for the budget is and what would be helpful for the VAC to contribute, specifically engaging in the online component of the feedback from members of the community.
- Flood Update: The final cost to the city will be roughly \$3 million.
- There is some concern about the spring runoff because of the damage done by the flood. To watch an informational video that was presented at the last City Council meeting, check the city website.
- The City signed an exclusive right with a developer to develop all the property from behind the Rialto all the way to the ditch.

**Information Sharing:** Suzanne presented each of the VAC members with a valentine from Jane DeDecker. The VAC officially thanked Suzanne Janssen for all her hard work with the VAC over the years. Sherrie Heckel Kuhlman was presented with a gift from the VAC for her service as the Chairperson for the last two years.

**Adjournment**

Angela made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm. MaryJo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Length of the meeting, 1:50.