

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, 2014
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business

The June 12th, 2014, VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Margaret Rosborough. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Charlie Jackson, Nancy Jakobsson, Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, and Councilman Phil Farley. Alternate members Abbie Powers and Sara Turner were also present. Staff liaisons Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also present. Susan Ison was excused in advance from the meeting.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the June 12th, 2014 meeting agenda: Agenda Item I: Mehaffey Park Update.

Corrections to May meeting minutes: There were no corrections to the April minutes. Nancy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Budget: Kimber is currently working on the budget for the next year, but there won’t be many changes to the VAC budget. The only new request is funding for the new website for the Museum.

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Fire Station #2, Kimber Kreutzer: There was a special meeting held last week in regards to the unexpected expenses related to the foundation for Ken William’s sculpture. The decision that was made was to break up the additional costs between the artist, the VAC and the Facilities Department:

\$2,000 = VAC

\$3,000 = Facilities

\$2,000 = Ken Williams (artist)

If there are any additional costs above and beyond this, Ken Williams will be responsible for absorbing these costs. If the final cost is any less expensive than this, then the savings will be split between the VAC and the artist.

B. Service Center, Kimber Kreutzer: There was some discussion about where to place *Mountain Comrades* at the Service Center because it cannot be placed where it was originally planned. The other options would take it off of 1st Street and not make it very visible to the public. It was also discussed whether or not to leave it where it for the time being because there is no rush to move it. Sherri made a motion to *leave Mountain Comrades* where it is for the time being. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was mentioned that those additional sites that were proposed for *Mountain Comrades* are great potential places for other sculptures in the future. It was also requested that Kimber express to Ken Cooper the VAC’s gratitude for his flexibility to work with them.

C. Foundation Exhibit/iPad, Kimber Kreutzer: Maureen asked if the VAC would like to have an iPad set up in the Foundations Exhibit that would be loaded with information about Public Art and the Visual Arts Commission. Another option Maureen proposed was to put a video of George Rikki to complement his sculpture because a 2D piece could not be acquired for this particular artist. It would cost around \$300 to place the content on the iPad. Roger moved to authorize \$300 at Maureen’s discretion. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimber also showed the VAC the invitation for the special opening reception to be held on Sunday, June 29th from 4:00 -6:00 pm. This is for members of the VAC and one guest. It will be catered and have live music.

Staff Updates

A. Loveland Public Library/Memorial for Patty Goodwine, Kimber Kreutzer: No update for the memorial this month.

B. *The Gathering* by Linda Prokop, Greg Hoff: Greg met with Kevin Aggers in Parks and Recreation to discuss the landscaping around *The Gathering*. Parks and Recreation is open to getting water out to the sculpture, but currently don't have any money in their budget to do so. They have seeded the area around it and there is available irrigation water that we wouldn't have to pay for in the future. Greg will check with Parks and Recreation department to get an estimate of about how much they think it would cost to run a line out there.

C. Lions Club/Cleaning braille plaques, Kimber Kreutzer: Susan was contacted by the Lions Club because one of their members, Alice George, is visually impaired and wanted to do something for the sculpture collection. When she suggested that she would like to donate braille plaques, Susan explained that while we already have braille plaques in place, they are in serious need of cleaning and maintenance. Kimber will be seeking bids for the cost of cleaning them, as well as the number that require cleaning.

D. Maintenance Update, Kimber Kreutzer: There was a flash flood at the Benson Park Sculpture Garden and about 40 of the sculptures will require another power wash to remove the mud. Pat Kipper said that because they were just barely waxed, they will only require a power washing. Kimber has a bid out to see how expensive it will be to power wash. The Parks department will also be removing some of the cattails so that it will not be so susceptible to flooding in the future.

E. Equinox Update, Kimber Kreutzer: Kimber did not have any updates about Equinox, but Greg met with the City because there are still traffic control issues. Greg and his team are ready to pour the foundation whenever CDOT gives them clearance.

F. 2014 Transformations Project, Kimber Kreutzer: The call for entry closed on May 30th and we ended up with 20 submittals. We will be meeting with the subcommittee on Thursday, June 19th where five new boxes will be chosen. In addition, tDiane Roeder will be re-painting a box to replace the one that was destroyed in a traffic accident last winter. We have identified the possible locations for the boxes.

G. Governor's Invitational, Kimber Kreutzer: The show will be open through this weekend. Jared Hankins, the artist whose painting was bought by the VAC, wrote a letter to express his gratitude for the purchase. Kimber also received a request from Brad Shannon, the Marketing Manager for the Governor's Invitational, about some background about how the VAC actually went about choosing their piece. Roger explained that the members took time looking through the show and everyone chose their three favorite pieces. They then met together and took a second look at everyone's choices. It was then narrowed down by budget and popular vote. They were all pleased with the selection. Kimber also announced the winners of the awards for the show that was put in the paper. The VAC expressed its pleasure about the show.

I. Mehaffey Park Update, Kimber Kruetzer: We are half way complete with the Mehaffey Park Project and it is on schedule to finish on time. Kimber passed out pictures of how it is looking so far. Kimber will check and see if Parks and Recreation is going to try to find money to fund the benches because more money was spent on the park than was originally budgeted. Currently, they are planning on installing fewer benches.

City Council Update, Phil Farley:

- The Capital Budget Projection over the next 10 years is \$509 million to be spent mainly on streets, sewers lines and water treatment, as well as many other projects.
- Funded \$564,916 to non-profits in the community.
- Financially still in good standing at 67% of budgeted expenses with \$214 million still in the bank.
- 1,232 more jobs in Loveland this April as opposed to last April. Many are jobs paying above the mean income level.
- There will be a resolution proposed in July about a “super majority” rather than just a “simple majority” in order to hire/fire a City Manager or City Attorney.
- Public Works Master Plan gave a presentation. It’s looking like the Capital Expansion Fees are here to stay.
- Loveland, Fort Collins and Estes Park are partnering with the Community Foundation to bring in the Urban Land Institute to do a “resiliency panel” that will recommend what these communities can do better. They will be visiting the Benson Park Sculpture Garden on their visit.

Information Sharing:

- Alternatives to Violence will be hosting a golf tournament on August 15th if anyone is interested in going or being a sponsor.
- A new Safe House is to be bought by November of this year.
- TAAP installations are underway and should be finished by early next week. We will be celebrating the new pieces in the next couple of months.
- The Cultural Services Annual Report is available if anyone wants them.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, Nancy Jakobsson moved to adjourn. Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:05.