

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2014**  
**LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business**

The May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014, VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairperson Margaret Rosborough. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, and Councilman Phil Farley. Alternate members Abbie Powers and Sara Turner were also present. Greg Hoff, Charlie Jackson and Judy O’Gorman were not present. Staff liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also present.

**Preliminary Matters**

**Additions or corrections to the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting agenda:** Agenda Item I: Loveland High Plains Arts Council Sculpture Park and Agenda Item J: *The Crazy Stairs* by Mira Bartell were added under Staff Updates.

**Corrections to April meeting minutes:** There were no corrections to the April minutes. Maryjo moved to approve the minutes as presented. Roger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Budget:** The updated budget was distributed. It did not include the purchase at the Rotary Show which was \$2,280.00.

**VAC Business/Action Items**

**A. Loveland Public Library/Memorial for Patty Goodwine, Susan Ison:** Susan had no official word to report to the VAC, but had heard from the people that were working on the memorial that they really liked the idea of a mosaic and will most likely be pursuing that.

**B. Elks Lodge Sculpture Discussion, Maryjo Morgan:** Maryjo and Susan met with William Sigmund and his wife about options to find a more suitable piece of art for the Elks Lodge. Mrs. Sigmund seemed very supportive of the VAC’s goal to protect the integrity of the collection and the Sigmunds will explore other options. Susan and Maryjo also offered to work with them in the future to find a solution.

**C. *The Gathering* by Linda Prokop, Nancy Jakobsson:** Greg was going to meet with the Parks and Recreation department about landscaping, but was not present at this meeting to report. Nancy did express her concern about how forlorn it is looking.

**D. *Wild Kingdom* by Dale Montagne, Susan Ison:** Dale was very happy to leave it up for another year in hopes that the VAC will continue to think about purchasing the piece. He also won the People’s Choice Award.

**E. *Ozmill* by Tim Upham, Susan Ison:** We received a letter from KL&A, the company who inspected the piece after part of the sculpture fell off, stating that “Based on our visual observation and analysis of the sculpture it is our opinion that the sculpture as it exists now (with the outermost sections removed) is not a threat to life safety. As the sculpture is subject to cyclic loading, we recommend that the sculpture is inspected on a yearly basis for any additional fatigue crack development.” Susan thinks that the VAC should inspect it at the beginning of the season and at the end of the season.

**F. 2014 TAAP Sculpture Jury Selection, Kimber Kreutzer:** The TAAP Subcommittee met last week and decided on the finalists for the TAAP 2014. 5 sculptures were chosen from 18 applications. Kimber passed around the images and where they will be placed downtown. Also, Sandy Friedman made a modification to *I’m Dreaming With My Brain Awake*: instead of ceramic, it will be made of steel but nothing visually will change. All the applicants have been notified of the results and Kimber will work with Ken Williams on getting specific installation dates finalized.

## Staff Updates

**A. Maintenance Update, Kimber Kreutzer:** The maintenance on the collection is done, with the exception of one piece, *Breathing Easy* in the sculpture park. Pat Kipper is currently working on it and expects it to be done by the 17<sup>th</sup> of May. Kimber will also follow up about getting the plaques cleaned and has asked Tom O’Gorman from Bronze Services to give her a bid for cleaning the plaques for the whole collection. Also, as Tom was doing maintenance on Sophie by Tom Hostetler he noticed that there was a crack in the neck. This was probably due to water getting inside the mouth, freezing and expanding because there is no weep hole. Kimber is going to ask Pat Kipper to check on it.

**B. Equinox Update, Susan Ison:** The Equinox contract is making its way through CDOT. Jeff Bailey, the City Engineer, is helping it through the process despite the challenges associated with CDOT having a lot of turn-over in their supervisory staff. They hope that in the next couple of weeks the special permit needed will be granted and the team can move forward on schedule. The most optimistic date for installation will be in the fall.

**C. Priority Based Budgeting, Susan Ison:** It is on the City Council agenda for Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. There will most likely be more detailed updates next month. Phil Farley mentioned that if you would like to look at the document that City Council Members were given, it is on the City Website.

**D. 2014 Transformations Project, Susan Ison:** We have one official application, but many more are expected before the May 30<sup>st</sup> deadline. There was also some discussion about Diane Roeder and her response to repainting a box to replace the one that was hit by a car. Roger Clark moved to have Diane repaint a box identical to the one that was hit without having to re-apply for the Transformation project. Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann amended the motion to clarify that in this particular instance, the artist does not need to re-apply, but that this is not setting precedence. Nancy seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously. This box will be in addition to the 5 selected from the applications. The final locations are not decided yet, but Kimber is working with Kim O’Field to finalize the boxes that will be used.

**E. Service Center, Susan Ison:** There are some construction meetings coming up next week that Susan will be attending in order to decide how and where *Mountain Comrades* and Andy Dufford’s piece will be installed. The plan is to make a smaller, round plinth for *Mountain Comrades* to better accommodate the shape of the piece. The sculptures will most likely be installed in the fall.

**F. Fire Station #2, Susan Ison:** Susan and Roger met with Ken Williams and chose a spot to relocate the sculpture at the old station to the new station. It will be placed near the sidewalk and will be visible to the public walking from the parking lot into the station. It is also separated enough from Ken Williams’ piece that they won’t clash with each other.

**G. Governor’s Invitational, Susan Ison:** The event was successful and many people, including many of the participating artists, were excited that the Visual Arts Commission purchased a piece, *10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division* by Jared Hankins. Also, the plein air painting event at Osborn Farm was a huge success; the participating artists enjoyed it and all of their work was auctioned off and the proceeds donated to Rotary.

**H. Foundations Exhibition, Susan Ison:** Susan provided images of the works that Maureen has been able to obtain for the exhibition. She has been successful in gathering pieces from all of the artists except two, and is working hard to get the last two before the show. The show will run June 28<sup>th</sup> through September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**I. Loveland High Plains Arts Council Sculpture Park, Susan Ison:** Susan received a draft from the City Manager’s Office about an agreement between the City of Loveland and the Loveland High Plains Arts Council regarding the sculpture park at North Lake. The project seems to be moving forward to get more space for the

collection to grow. The space available at Benson Park is limited. They will have to modify the landscaping and add a sidewalk, but the final draft is still being circulated for comment.

**J. *The Crazy Stairs* by Mira Bartell, Susan Ison:** Pat Kipper and Jack Kreutzer are both going to look at the piece and make recommendations on repairs. It is currently in disrepair and needs work. Also, the VAC will need to decide on placement for the piece after it is repaired, preferably not anywhere where it will likely be climbed on because it will be vulnerable and is very enticing. The VAC was asked to keep their eyes open for possible spots and send an email if they have any ideas.

**City Council Update, Phil Farley:**

- There were changes to the Boards and Commissions Handbook in order to have all existing Board Members go through the interview process at the end of the term so that there are no longer administrative appointments.
- There was a change to the Youth Advisory Commission Guidelines because there is so much interest in it. Now only new applicants will be interviewed. Also, the YAC will present at every Boards and Commissions Summit.
- There was a joint Council Meeting between Loveland and Fort Collins regarding the airport. It is a busy airport for private planes, but are currently working on getting on a major carrier. They also discussed governance of the airport and possible changes to protocol.
- There was discussion about a new Police Training Facility and where to put it.
- New affordable housing is going in close to the WalMart on 57<sup>th</sup>.

**Information Sharing:**

- Because there were no strong opinions either way, Sara will decide which painting to do. Spouses are welcome to come. Sara will cover supplies and everyone is on their own for drinks.
- Susan will be at a conference next month so she will miss the meeting.
- Susan shared the brochure of the “Salon de Refuse”
- Boulder had a public art controversy – the article in the Denver Post was about a big YES! in red letters to go on the new library and the public outcry that followed.
- Angela is the invited artist for the Debbie Lewis Tennis Tournament. Her artwork will be auctioned off and all of the publications will have images of her work.
- Angela handed out a postcard for ArtWorks and mentioned that a food truck would be parked in front for Night on the Town.
- Maryjo mentioned sending a Thank You note to Maureen for all her hard work with the Foundations Exhibition. It was also suggested that Maureen take the VAC on a walk-through of the exhibit when it opens.
- A note from Suzanne was passed around to the VAC members.
- Susan mentioned that the City of Louisville put out temporary platforms in parking spaces at restaurants, making a temporary patio for patrons.

**Adjournment:** Citing no further business, Nancy Jakobsson moved to adjourn. Maryjo Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:15.