

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14TH, 2014
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business**

The August 14th, 2014, VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Angela Canada-Hopkins. Commissioners present: Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann and Councilman Phil Farley. Staff liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also present. Margie Rosborough was excused in advance from the meeting. Charlie Jackson was not in the meeting.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the August 14th, 2014 meeting agenda: Agenda Item C: Patty Goodwine Memorial and Agenda Item H: Mural at 4th and Lincoln were both taken off the agenda under VAC Business/Action Items. Agenda Item A: Miscellaneous Items was added under Staff Updates.

Corrections to June meeting minutes: Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann was excused in advance. Nancy moved to approve the minutes as presented. MaryJo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Budget: There was nothing new to report with regards to the budget. We will be invoicing CDOT for the grant that we were awarded. Susan will update the budget as it is available.

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Fire Station #2, Susan Ison: It is looking great and Ken Williams (artist) is on site working on it. It looks as if it will be completed on time. Ken has removed the current fireman sculpture that was at the fire station and removed the current plinth in order to plant grass. The sculpture will be moved over as soon as it is ready.

B. Service Center, Susan Ison: No new information to report for the Service Center.

C. Patty Goodwine Memorial, Euleta Palser: This agenda Item was removed.

D. *The Crazy Stairs* by Mira Bartell, Kimber Kreutzer: The sculpture is in pretty bad shape and will need to be restored. One of the options that is being explored was to use auto body paint in the restoration. Upon further discussion with those qualified to apply the paint, it was discovered that this is not a viable option because of the small spaces that the spray gun will not be able to reach. The other option was to re-powder coat the sculpture and hopefully find a place for it inside so as to slow the process of deterioration. Custom Coatings in Berthoud was the original company who powder coated the sculpture and explained that no matter what, powder coating will not hold up permanently outdoors. They did, however, suggest applying a “rich zinc primer” to help prevent rust and a “super durable powder coating” that will prevent the white chalking that often happens with powder coating and extend the life of the coating to around 12 years. The estimate to do this is \$3,150 and the value of the sculpture is \$12,000. This cost includes stripping the sculpture and starting over.

It was decided that the commission will think about where to place the sculpture and have a discussion next month about whether to spend the money to repair it.

E. Otocast app., Kimber Kreutzer: We have been contacted by numerous companies, including Otocast, to try to sell us application software for smartphones and tablets to help with tours of the public art collection. The Otocast app will cost about \$5,000 to start up with about a \$2,000 cost per year. It was suggested that perhaps the Community Marketing budget will help with the cost as well as sponsorship from businesses in the community. Kimber will do more research on the available options and will be prepared to present her findings and make a suggestion at the September meeting.

F. Dedications for Transformations/TAAP and Equinox, Kimber Kreutzer: A tentative date of September 27th has been set for the dedication of Equinox. The museum staff will try to come up with a date for the TAAP/Transformations dedication and get back to the VAC. Also, because Kimber and Susan will not be able to attend the regularly scheduled meeting in September, the meeting has been changed to Thursday, September 18th at 5:00.

G. Mark Thompson request, Susan Ison: Mark Thompson has requested borrowing his piece, *Flower Arranger*, for a retrospective at the Steamboat Art Museum from December 5th – April 14th. Sherri moved to allow them to borrow the painting. Judy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Susan will request that the VAC receive attribution on the signage.

H. Mural at 4th and Lincoln, Susan Ison: The agenda item was removed.

I. Studio Tours with Artworks, Angela Canada-Hopkins: Angela and Doug have wanted to arrange studio visits of local sculptors for the Artworks artists. She invited the Visual Arts Commission to join them on their visits. The commission member were very interested and Angela will keep them informed as to the dates as they are decided upon.

J. Circulating 2-D Pieces, Susan Ison: The tapestry *Front Range (Triptych)* by Roy Wilce needs to be moved and *Tenth Mountain Division* does not look fantastic in its current space. We also had a request by a city employee to rotate art in their building. It was suggested that there be a subcommittee to manage a rotating schedule of 2D pieces. Roger moved to create a “Rotary Committee” to figure out how to rotate the 2D pieces in our collection. Angela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The members of the subcommittee will be Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Roger Clark. MaryJo will head up the committee.

K. VAC yearly goals, Angela Canada-Hopkins: Angela suggested that the VAC look over their goals and see if they are on track to accomplish what they set out to do. The VAC will look over the document and be prepared to discuss it at the September meeting.

Staff Updates

A. Miscellaneous Updates, Susan Ison:

* Artspace is doing exploratory work in the RiNo district in Denver. They are also doing one in Boulder and are talking to Fort Collins.

* Went to a Public Art Administrators meeting and just wanted to pass on some ideas that were presented. Fort Collins has adopted a project to partner on painting transformer boxes in neighborhoods. We often get calls from the public that want boxes painted in their neighborhood. She also heard that some communities feature their artwork on the Public Library Cards. Also, both the Mayor and Pat Farnham gave Susan the card of the gentleman who had the heart structure with the glass hearts in it and suggested that we buy a piece. The VAC decided to not pursue a purchase.

* Went to the Americans for the Arts Convention in May. They produce a DVD of what they think are the most important art works of the year. If we would like to put it on the agenda, it would probably take about ½ hour to watch. It will be put on the November agenda.

B. The Gathering by Linda Prokop, Greg Hoff: They can get water to it, the problem is that we can’t do landscaping. We used to have a visual of a hardscape design around it. It was also suggested that perhaps it be moved. Because we don’t have any adequate undesignated funds in the budget, we can’t have any further discussion about how to solve the problem. Susan will check with the Parks and Recreation Department about possible solutions.

C. Lions Club/Cleaning braille plaques, Kimber Kreutzer: A bid is out to get them cleaned. As soon as the bid is back, it will be forwarded to the Lions Club and reported to the VAC.

D. Maintenance Update, Kimber Kreutzer: Regular maintenance for this year is complete. It has been brought to our attention that the following pieces will need additional work:

1. *Headin' for the Gatherin'* by Rick Jackson – the right rein is broken
2. *Open Space* by George Manus – one of the interior welds is broken
3. *Galapagos Tortoise* by Tom Knapp – the plaques are missing
4. *Loving the Moment* by Kathleen Caricof – has very worrisome cracks at the piece's marble base
5. *Cherry Trees at Namaqua* – trees are dying

Because of the extensive list of pieces that need attention that were not listed in our maintenance overview at the beginning of the year, Kimber will address the issue directly with the inspector.

E. 2014 Transformations Project, Kimber Kreutzer: The six transformer boxes are currently being painted, three are complete and three are currently in the process. They all look great. Kimber has talked with Turning Leaf Painting who said they would be able to clear coat them at the end of the month, so the project is on track to be finished on time.

F. Foundations Exhibition, Susan Ison: It is a wonderful exhibit. It will be ending on September 14th. Each member of the VAC was given a postcard of each of the pieces.

City Council Update, Phil Farley:

- The VAC was updated on the progress status of the Downtown property development.
- They were also updated on the finances of the city.
- The Flood Recovery money has been slow getting to Loveland, but the City is in a good position to cover costs until it arrives.

Information Sharing:

- Sherri reported that the Sculpture in the Park show was great and was over a \$1 million show.
- Kimber brought a picture of the finished horses for Equinox.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, Greg Hoff moved to adjourn. Nancy Jakobsson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:40.