

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2015
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: FOOTE GALLERY
5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business

The February 12th, 2015, VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Margaret Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, Nancy Jakobsson, Abbie Powers and Margaret Rosborough. Staff liaisons Susan Ison and Kimber Kruetzer were also present. Absent: Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann and City Council member Phil Farley.

Preliminary Matters

Introduce new VAC member: Susan Ison introduced Julie Bender, the newest member of the VAC.

Additions or corrections to the February 12th, 2015 meeting agenda: Susan Ison added agenda item B. Rotation Committee Update to the beginning of the meeting and everything was pushed down a slot on the agenda. Also added was agenda items H: *The Gathering* by Linda Prokrop and I: Election of Officers

Corrections to January 8th, 2015 meeting minutes: There were no changes to the January meeting minutes.

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

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Loveland High Plains Arts Council Presentation of 2014 Donations, Polly and Mac Juneau: The VAC reviewed the selections made by the Loveland High Plains Art Council and then voted on approval to be placed in Benson Park Sculpture Garden or to North Lake Park.

1. *Pretty in Chinks* by Cammie Lundeen: Roger Clark moved to accept this piece and waive the second reading. Greg Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. *Old Friends* by George Lundeen and donated by Doug Erion: Greg Hoff made a motion to accept this piece and waive the second reading. Roger Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. *Panther’s Pride* by Rosetta: Roger Clark moved to accept this piece and waive the second reading. Nancy Jakobsson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mac Juneau showed a new sculpture not seen in the last meeting entitled *Happy Dance* by Richard Pankratz. Because this is the first reading of this piece, it will need to be placed in the newspaper for public comment. There was some discussion about the patina and concerns about maintenance and fading.

B. Rotation Committee, MaryJo Morgan: Maryjo gave an update on the 2D rotation committee and expressed the hope that the committee meet again soon to restart the effort to change the placement of most of our 2D pieces. Julie Bender was invited to join the committee.

C. Mehaffey Park/Bob Tully, Susan Ison: Bob sent a message to Janet regarding the bench at Mehaffey Park. He is concerned that the bench would serve as a step onto the compass. He is proposing 3 sandstone blocks that would stand like stools that would sit apart from the compass about 3 feet. He is also concerned that the circular eye on the side of the compass would be a head hazard and has therefore proposed a boulder front of it. Janet agreed to the modification in the design after walking the site. Nancy Jakobsson moved to accept the modifications as they were presented to the VAC. Roger Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Budget, Susan Ison: Susan passed out the budget for the review of the VAC. Roger Clark moved to accept the budget as was presented. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Maintenance Update, Jennifer Cousino: Jennifer Cousino gave an update on the maintenance process for 2015. She has software that will help us to better track our maintenance in the future and is currently working

on getting bids back on how much it will cost to maintain the collection. Al i Seeberger is the registrar here at the museum and has agreed to do a condition check on all of the 2D pieces in the collection. Roger suggested that at some point in the future we ask the City of Loveland to use other funds besides the 1% given to us in order to maintain the collection. Susan suggested that perhaps we add it to the budget request and informed the VAC that the total value of the collection is \$8 million.

F. VAC Goals/Projects for 2015, Susan Ison: Susan expressed that the most recent VAC interviews brought out many desires that some of the VAC members have for the commission. Susan thought it might be beneficial to talk about what kinds of projects the VAC wants to work on. Roger suggested a retreat for this purpose. The proposed date was March 28th to be held at Artworks for 5-6 hours with a backup date for the 18th of April. Abbie will check with Artworks to see if the space is available on those dates. The retreat will take the place of the regularly scheduled VAC meeting in April. Kimber will send out an email to all VAC members to decide what the best date is for the group.

G. Upcoming Capital Projects, Susan Ison: Jeff Bailey, who helped with Equinox and CDOT, called and said that they will be working on a second bridge on Railroad Avenue and expressed interest in having some. Also, Susan had a meeting with Leah Browder, the new Public Works Director, and she suggested that it might be beneficial for Leah and some Public Works representatives to meet with the VAC to discuss some of their upcoming projects. Public Works is also doing a strategic planning exercise that Susan will be invited to attend. The subject of crosswalks was brought up and found that there could potentially be money in grants for public safety to help fund this project. Leah also mentioned maybe some work on Madison Avenue with the new bridge. Also, Chris Matkins contacted Susan about the road on Wilson Avenue and the possibility of making an “Art Environmental piece” on Wilson Avenue in a place where sand and trash are collecting in the median. There is also a possibility of a joint project with the City of Fort Collins for the new Police Training facility. It was suggested that perhaps a representative from Public Works and/or the Mayor attend the upcoming VAC retreat.

H. The Gathering, Greg Hoff: In 2005, Kenny and Associates made a plan for landscaping for *The Gathering*. Greg recently took the plan to the project managers of his company to get a bid to do that project in today’s dollars. Because the plan was somewhat vague, they made some assumptions, but did the best they could to come up with a comprehensive idea for the original vision. He then spoke to Lynn Hammond who felt that the proposed amount of money could be raised. There was some concern about the sandstone retaining wall, but Greg felt that other options could be explored. It was agreed that the Parks and Rec department would need to participate in the planning. There was also discussion of exploring the possibility of lighting around the base of the piece. Greg will pursue this project further and continue to report to the VAC.

I. Election of Officers, Susan Ison: It was proposed that Margaret Rosborough continue to serve another term as Chair for the Visual Arts Commission with Nancy Jakobsson as Vice Chair. Roger moved to accept the nominations as proposed. There were no other nominations proposed. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Updates

A. TAAP 2D Finalists, Kimber Kreutzer: Kimber passed out a document with the six finalists for the TAAP 2D for 2015. Five of the six artists have already dropped off their pieces to the museum and they are expected to be hung in the Library next week. The dedication will be on Friday March 13th from 5:30 – 7:00 in conjunction with the Library’s Guests in the Gallery and to coincide with Night On The Town. The VAC is all invited and encouraged to attend. It was brought to the attention of the VAC that one of the frames from last year’s TAAP 2D was slightly damaged. There was discussion about how to handle these types of problems with regards to all temporary pieces. It was also suggested that we take “before” pictures of the pieces.

B. International Sculpture Day, April 24th, Kimber Kreutzer: Kimber received an email from the International Sculpture Center, who will be sponsoring an International Sculpture Day on April 24th. Some of the things communities are participating in are: open day at the museum, open studio tours, demonstrations and workshops, panels, presentations or discussions, parties and openings, sculpture exhibits or shows, tours of collections (private and public), pop up shows and exhibitions. Options were explored to have something coincide with another city event. It was suggested to invite artists who have completed something in the last year to participate in giving a talk or a tour. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

C. City of Greeley Mural Project, Susan Ison: This will be discussed more at the retreat. Roger suggested that we have a built-in collaboration with other organizations in the city and that a collaborative mural would be neat.

D. AIPP Anniversary, Susan Ison: This is the 30th year of Art in Public Places. Susan suggested that it might be fun to have an event and invite all the artists who have a piece in the collection. It was also mentioned that Christo is planning on coming at the end of the year to speak in Loveland. Julie Bender mentioned the need for some type of publication that has all of the works in our collection listed. There was mention of the video as well as a brochure that have been created in the past for this purpose. They will consider showing the video at the retreat.

City Council Update, Phil Farley:

There was no City Council update.

Information Sharing:

- Susan brought to the attention of the VAC that there is an Equinox ornament available for purchase.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, Abbie Powers moved to adjourn. Roger Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:35.