

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH, 2015
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business

The April 9th, 2015 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann and Abbie Powers. Gregg Hoff was absent. Councilman Phil Farley was present. Staff liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also present.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the April 9th, 2015 meeting agenda: Susan Ison added items *J. Mehaffey Park Dedication* *K. Donation Policy* and Phil Farley added *L. Library Donation* to VAC Business/Action Items.

Corrections to the March meeting minutes: Abbie wanted it to be noted that the pencil drawing proposed for the lobby of the Service Center was not, in fact, an original but rather one in a series. Nancy Jakobsson moved to accept the minutes with the correction. Judy O’Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Water and Power Presentation: The representatives were not at the meeting to present their proposals for artwork for the Service Center. They have been working on changing vendors to do the art glass that was proposed. The timeline has therefore been pushed back until they are ready to bring their proposal to the VAC.

B. Annual Maintenance, Kimber Kreutzer: The VAC were each given a report from Pat Kipper. He is recommending that three of the pieces be relocated indoors because of damage from their current locations. He also recommended that the plinth for the *Jester* be fixed. Sherri had mentioned that perhaps the High Plains Arts Council is thinking about moving *Jester* to a new location across the street, so she will discuss it with them at their next meeting and report back to the VAC. Kimber will attempt to talk with the artists of the pieces in question and report back to the VAC.

C. Budget, Susan Ison: There was a short discussion about the budget and how TAAP and Transformations will factor into the current budget. These numbers will come out of the Capital commissions and Construction Encumbrances should the VAC decide to spend that money. She also gave a detailed budget report of where the funds are going, specifically noting the Personal Services for the staff.

D. Retreat Review, Susan Ison: Susan made a synopsis list of things that were discussed at the retreat. After a lengthy discussion, the VAC decided that the best way to move forward would be to have Susan categorize them and then have the VAC vote next time on the projects that they would like to work on this year. There was general consensus that the retreat was successful on many levels and time well spent for those who attended.

E. Review Ordinance, Susan Ison: There has been some discussion in past meetings about what we can and cannot fund as well as the reasons for the VAC needing to review some of the artwork for the Service Center. Because of this, the VAC briefly reviewed the Ordinance and what specifics are laid out in it. The VAC will read it through again just as a review to make sure they are on track with AIPP. In addition, we will be sure to get hard copies to Abbie and Julie as new members of the VAC.

F. Summer RFQ, Susan Ison: There was a very lengthy discussion among VAC members about what this project would look like. The main concern that was discussed was the timeline since the idea was suggested so soon before the summer. Here is what was ultimately suggested for this project:

Location: Thompson Park

Budget Amount: \$5k

Commencement/Completion Dates: June-Sept 2015 (art will remain on display after completion until the end of September)

Eligibility: Colorado Artist only

Other items to note:

- Artist needs to be onsite for a minimum for 2 weeks
- During creative process artist needs to be as public as possible
- An advertised public discussion with Artist and the community is required 1-2 times during creative process
- Possible materials include fiber, metal, and recycled materials
- RFQ should include images of Thompson Park along with specs of the park

Roger moved that the RFQ budget be approved for \$5,000.00, at Thompson Park and artists be from Colorado and it be executed between June and September. Maryjo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. AIPP Anniversary, Susan Ison: There was discussion about what the AIPP Anniversary celebration would look like. These were the main points that were “loosely” decided upon:

- * Invite all artists who have a piece in the AIPP collection
- * Be held at the Loveland Museum/Gallery on a Thursday night
- * Sometime in October or November (Susan will check the Museum schedule)
- * A slide presentation (prepared by Katie) will run with all images, artists, title and year
- * Invite a speaker, perhaps the Mayor?
- * Provide light refreshments

It was also suggested that the VAC give a presentation to the City Council in the upcoming year.

H. National Sculpture Day, Kimber Kreutzer: It was suggested that if any members of the VAC desired, they could post something about National Sculpture Day on their private Facebook account. We will keep this on the radar for next year and try to plan something as a commission. It was also suggested that the Chairperson read a proclamation for National Sculpture Day at the next City Council meeting on April 21st.

I. The Gathering, Susan Ison: Susan is having a hard time get a firm response, but what she is hearing is that Parks and Rec is having a hard time getting water and power out to the site. She will request a written response from the department regarding this issue.

J. Mehaffey Park Dedication, Susan Ison: The Dedication for Mehaffey Park has been set for July 11th. We do not have specific details regarding the program, but we will have a spot on the agenda to dedicate the artwork. We will ask Bob to come and give some comments on his work. All members of the VAC are invited to attend.

K. Donation Policy, Susan Ison: It was suggested that perhaps the VAC change its policy and require the installation cost of a donated piece be paid by the donor. After a thoughtful discussion, it was decided the policy will remain as it is written; however, a suggestion donation should be mentioned.

L. Library Donation, Phil Farley: Herb Zimmerman has requested a sculpture to memorialize his wife to be placed between the Chilson Recreation Center and the Library. Jane DeDecker is the artist and the design is of a larger than life-size sculpture of a woman sitting in a big easy chair with two kids next to it. Herb Zimmerman will be invited to the next meeting to present the proposal to the VAC. It will also be requested that the

Zimmerman family check with the Parks and Rec department to clarify position with regards to power and lighting.

Staff Updates

A. Call for Entry – TAAP (sculpture), Kimber Kreutzer – So far there have been 9 entries on Café, but we expect many more before the close of the call. It will end on April 17th and the meeting for the Jury to decide the finalists will be on April 23rd at 4:30 pm. The new sculptures will be swapped out sometime in June.

B. Transformations, Kimber Kreutzer: It was decided to approve a call for entry for designs to paint 5 transformer boxes this year. Kimber will check with Water and Power about possibilities of boxes that are available to paint. The stipend that the selected artists receive will depend on the size of the box. There was discussion about a theme: it was decided the theme will be “Be Creative.” We will put out the call for entry sometime in the next couple of weeks.

City Council Update, Phil Farley:

- The City Budget is in good standing
- City Council sent 12 kids to the National League of Cities in Washington DC. It was a successful trip and they will be handing in a short 2-page report about their experience.
- Teen Court was approved. This is for kids who are accused for a minor crime and plead “no contest” and sentence is deferred. They then participate in the court where their peers decide their sentence. The court goes from 3:00 – 4:00 and the next dates are: April 21st, May 5th and May 19th.
- The strategic plan for 287 was discussed, specifically focused on how to increase business, and improve transportation. Highway 34 and 402 will most likely be next on the agenda to discuss.
- There was a lengthy discussion in the last City Council about eliminating the tax on food and the repercussions this would have on the budget. They deferred on the 2nd reading and a study will be done to get a better idea of the consequences of any reductions.
- There is a new municipal judge, Judge Joneson.
- There was a law suit filed by people regarding the new Sprouts supermarket.

Information Sharing:

- Rob McDonald will be planting trees in the next couple of weeks.
- Dale Montagne, the artist of *Wild Kingdom*, damaged City property while trying to remove his sculpture. It is now turned over to the police to handle.
- On April 17th there is a show opening at ArtWorks.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, Maryjo Morgan moved to adjourn. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The length of the meeting was 2:00.