

CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 14TH, 2015
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM: Regular VAC Business

The May 14th, 2015 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Abbie Powers. Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann and Nancy Jakobsson were absent. Leah Browder (Public Works) and Shawn Fraiser (Public Works), Jane DeDecker (artist), Kyle Dallabetta, Herb Zimmerman and Kirsten Zimmerman were in attendance. Staff liaison Kimber Kreutzer and Susan Ison were also present.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the May 14th, 2015 meeting agenda: There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Corrections to the April 9th, 2015 meeting minutes: Roger Clark requested the discussion regarding Dale Montagne be struck from the minutes since it was discussed casually after the meeting was adjourned.

Citizen comments: There were no citizens present to comment on VAC business.

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Memorial, Herb Zimmerman: Herb Zimmerman and his daughter Kristen came with the artist Jane DeDecker and Kyle Dallabetta to discuss the proposed memorial sculpture he is commissioning to honor his late wife. It was proposed that the sculpture be placed in the park next to the library. The sculpture will be a little more than life size with a plaque on the base. The concept will be of Bobby sitting on a chair, surrounded by two young children. The location is near the existing bench and lighting might be provided by the donor. It is expected to be presented at the Momentum Show in January at the museum and will be installed in the spring. Roger moved that the VAC accept the proposal as was presented, subject to any further details that need to be worked out in the future. Margie Rosborough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Works Projects, Leah Browder: Leah Browder came to give an update to the VAC on the projects that Public Works is currently working on:

1. Strategic Plan Update and Arts Partnership: The Public Works department is beginning to work on the Strategic Plan and is getting ready to finalize the document. In it, they have committed to enhancing relationship with the Visual Arts Commission. Two things that were noted specifically were the ideas shared at the VAC retreat regarding the infrastructure of the city and the other was that the citizens appreciate that the art around the city brings a high quality of life and Public Works would like to support it.

2. 2015 Public Works 1% for Arts (Pending Confirmation): There are two projects that are coming up that will be eligible for these funds:

- i) Boise Avenue Extension: Estimate \$16,000
- ii) Street Rehab: Estimate \$30,000

3. Wilson Avenue Bridge

- a) Maintenance: Estimate \$20,000; pending confirmation
- b) Work must address railing and concrete
- c) Consider mural, acid wash, surface treatment possibilities

They also discussed moving The Faces sculpture by artist Randy Hand, that are underneath the Wilson Street bridge to a more visible location, possibly to the Eisenhower bridge, or bring them up to the Wilson Avenue Bridge to incorporate into the new plan. The Public Works department suggested that they would provide the \$20,000 that would be used for beautifying the bridge as long as this included addressing the railing and concrete that need to be fixed. There was a lengthy discussion about options and ideas of what could be done with the bridge and other projects that relate to this topic. After the discussion, Maryjo moved to put out an RFP

to enhance the Wilson Avenue Bridge with a budget of about \$50,000. Margie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Annual Maintenance, Kimber Kreutzer: Jennifer Cousino has put an RFP out in the paper and will then allow two weeks for people to submit their bids for the cleaning and maintenance of the permanent collection. She expects we will have selected someone by the next VAC meeting. Also, Pat Kipper will be on the next agenda to discuss the timeline for cleaning of the collection. Sherri informed the VAC via email that the High Plains Arts Council would like to move *The Jester* back toward the amphitheater. It was suggested that High Plains and the VAC split the cost of the move as well as the maintenance that it needs. Also, Kathleen Caricof's piece *Loving the Moment* will need maintenance. It was suggested that the artist cement around the crack, but the artist did not approve, so there needs to be more discussion as to what could be done. Jennifer Cousino will follow up with the artist. Roger Clark moved to approve in concept to split the cost with the Loveland High Plains Arts Council to move *The Jester*, subject to knowing what the exact cost will be. Greg Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Budget, Susan Ison: Susan revised the budget: in the Capital Commissions and Construction, the Expenses/Encumbrances shows the amount that has been spent (\$26,200) and the amount that has been encumbered (\$22,000) as is represented by the two items below (TAAP 3D and Transformations).

E. Retreat Review, Susan Ison: Susan categorized all the ideas that were presented at the VAC retreat in March. The VAC will look the document over and prioritize what they want to move forward with. They will have their ideas ready for the next VAC meeting. Susan suggested that the VAC think about having a competition to create a sculptural element to put in the galvanized troughs in the railyard district in the winter when there are not flowers in them.

F. Summer RFQ Update, Susan Ison: There was discussion about whether or not the VAC wanted to proceed with the project based on time constraints and project parameters. There was a discussion regarding expectations and requirements for this project. Roger Clark moved to allow Abbie to move forward to create an RFP for the Art in the Pocket Park Project. Greg Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. AIPP Anniversary, Susan Ison: The date for the AIPP Anniversary celebration will be the 5th of November. Details will be discussed at future VAC meetings.

H. National Sculpture Day, Kimber Kreutzer: The proclamation was read at the last City Council meeting. Roger was thanked for writing it and Margie for presenting it. We will make sure that there will be a committee to head up the National Sculpture Day for next year. It was suggested that there be some sculptors and some foundry personnel on the committee. It will be put on the November agenda.

I. The Gathering, Greg Hoff: Greg informed the VAC that landscaping proposals are moving along, albeit slowly. The first plan was rejected by Parks and Rec because it was too much maintenance. Another plan has been presented to Parks and Rec and they have yet to respond.

Staff Updates

A. TAAP 3D Finalists, Kimber Kreutzer: The current TAAP sculptures that are on Fourth Street will be coming down by the first week of June and will be replaced by this year's finalists the following week. Kimber passed around the locations for the sculptures that were chosen by the TAAP subcommittee. Because one of the approved sculptures was not available for the TAAP project, and one of the plinths that is existing needs a sculpture, it was proposed that the VAC approve one more sculpture that would add \$1,000 to the project cost. Margie Rosborough made a motion to accept the proposed addition of \$1,000 to the TAAP program this year.

Maryjo Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The TAAP 3D dedication is set for July 10th at Night on the Town.

B. Transformations, Kimber Kreutzer: The call for entry has gone out for Transformations and is currently up on the website. The call closes June 5th. The subcommittee will be Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Abbie Powers, Margie Rosborough and Maryjo Morgan. Citizen jurors will be contacted, specifically Judy Kwiatkowski, Janice Farley, Kim O'Field. Kimber has some potential places scouted out and is waiting to hear back from Water and Power.

City Council Update, Phil Farley: Phil Farley was not in attendance to report on the City Council meeting.

Information Sharing:

- The Mehaffey Park dedication will be on August 1st.
- Origins will be opening next weekend and there will be an installation of Abbie's artwork there.
- Susan showed a book about manhole covers in Japan.
- The slide show for the images will be shown at next month's VAC meeting
- Governor's art show opening will be on the 30th of May
- Windows of the West is a show in Estes Park will open this Friday at 7:00 at the Estes Park Events Center

Adjournment: Citing no further business, Julie Bender moved to adjourn. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:45.