

CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

4:30 PM

LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY

503 N Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

I. The April 28, 2015 meeting of the Cultural Services Board was called to order at 4:32pm by Kris Ortmann in the upstairs Conference Room of the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

Board Members Present: Dr. Dierdre Cook, Jan DesJardin, Desiree Eremondi, Louise Kauffman, Teresa Mueller, Kris Ortmann.

Also present were Council Liaison Ralph Trenary; Jennifer Cousino, Loveland Museum/Gallery Curator of History; Rich Harris, Rialto Theater Manager; and Tegan Hollen, Office Support Specialist.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

The City Council Report was moved to the top of the list of agenda items. The Board Reports, Cultural Services Department Reports, and Miscellaneous information were given in their original order following this change.

Additions or Corrections/Changes to the March 24, 2015 Minutes

There were no additions or corrections/changes to the March 24, 2015 minutes.

Approval of the March 24, 2015 Minutes

Teresa Mueller motioned for the March 24, 2015 minutes to be approved. Jan DesJardin seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Visitors

Juanita Cisneros, community member, was present.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Agenda Items

City Council Report

Councilor Ralph Trenary provided a review of recent news and upcoming events in Loveland.

- The Rocky Mountain Center for Innovation and Technology was recently featured in the Reporter Herald. This location is generating interest from companies interested in

moving their operations there and from groups who would like to hold their event at the site, including the Taste of Loveland and Northern Colorado Mini Maker Faire.

- The weekend of May 2nd and 3rd will feature a number of events in Loveland, including Tour de Pants, People's Market, and plaque dedication for Marshall Frank Peak.
- The USA Pro Cycling Challenge will once again be in the Loveland/Fort Collins area for Stage 6 of the race on August 22nd, 2015.

Board Reports

CSB Accomplishments Update – Kris Ortmann reviewed the activities that CSB members participated in during the last month. Louise Kauffman and Kris Ortmann both participated in the book discussion that was held in conjunction with the Remembrance exhibit at the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

Cultural Services Department Reports

Budget/PBB Update – Jennifer Cousino explained the budget exercise City departments have been asked to complete. This exercise is being done to provide City Council with a better understanding of the impact of eliminating the food sales tax. For the exercise, City departments are creating a list of Priority Based Budget items from which City Council can choose to cut if the tax is eliminated. These reductions may be made incrementally over three years or immediately. Board members can attend the upcoming City Council meeting on May 19, 2015 to share their thoughts about this exercise and the impact of eliminating the tax.

Jennifer Cousino also talked more about Priority Based Budgeting as well as the finance committee she serves on. This group is looking at the budget internally, which programs across City departments are being duplicated and what can be done to consolidate these programs, if anything. The example offered was book discussions, which in some way or another are offered by both the Loveland Library and the Museum/Gallery.

Fire Exhibit Update – Jennifer Cousino provided an update about a new location being considered for the placement of the Loveland Fire Exhibit. This exhibit was previously on display in the old Home State Bank building to the north of the current Museum/Gallery. The new location, near State Highway 402/14th Street SW and South Railroad Avenue/Roosevelt Avenue on land recently purchased by the City, includes a small building that could hold the exhibit. The building is currently being assessed to determine how much of the exhibit could be placed there, what improvements, if any, would be needed, and how much the process of moving the exhibit might cost. The Museum/Gallery is supportive of this move of the exhibit.

Rialto Theater Update – Rich Harris offered an update about the Rialto Theater's recent events and performances. Rich Harris also offered a reminder about the new box office ticketing fees that will go into effect on Monday, May 4, 2015.

- Juanita Cisneros mentioned a recent article in the Denver Post about the trend of museum admission being offered for free. The article also discusses how a science and cultural facilities district tax helps make this possible in different locations, which is relevant to the discussions about creating such a district in northern Colorado.
- Teresa Mueller offered information about the upcoming TedX Front Range event on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at the Roberta Price Auditorium at Thompson Valley High School.

NEXT CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Loveland Museum/Gallery upstairs Conference Room.

III. Adjournment

The Cultural Services Board meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.