

LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 9TH, 2015
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The July 9th, 2015 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Sherrie Heckel Kuhlmann, Gregg Hoff, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Abbie Powers. Also present were Mac and Polly Juneau (Loveland High Plains Arts Council), Ken Cooper and Lorna Holmes (Public Works), Kurt Albers (Community Marketing Commission). City Council Member Phil Farley, and Museum liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also in attendance.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or Corrections to the June 11th, 2015 meeting minutes: There were no additions or corrections to the meeting minutes. Roger Clark moved to approve the minutes as presented. Nancy Jakobsson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Additions or Corrections to the July 9th, 2015 meeting agenda: Agenda item *I) Wilson Avenue Bridge* was added under VAC Business/Action Items. Agenda Items *D) Youth Diversion Project E) SCFD and F) The Grove* were added under staff updates.

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

VAC Business/Action Items

A. WESTAF PowerPoint Presentation, Katie Fowers: Katie Fowers presented a draft of a PowerPoint presentation that includes all of the pieces in the permanent collection. There are over 400 pieces. There were a lot of errors and changes that need to be changed for the final presentation and showing in November. Polly and Mac Juneau received a copy of the presentation and will make sure that all of the pieces in the Benson Park Sculpture Garden are correct. Katie will work on fixing the rest of the problems.

B. Fire and Administration Building Artwork, Lorna Holmes and Ken Cooper: Ken and Lorna came to talk about the two new buildings that are being remodeled, the Fire and Administration Building (FAB) and the Maintenance Operation Center (MOC). Bids for the estimated cost of the two projects came in under the estimate, so the budget allotted to public art will be smaller. Therefore, the project managers have decided to focus their attention on the Service Center Lobby for the artwork. The projects will start in August and are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2016.

After giving an idea of what they have already incorporated into the construction design, they proposed that to fill the available space in the lobby with the budget that is available (around \$7k), that they do two things:

- Use available large-scale artwork from the AIPP permanent collection (preferably ones that are in storage) to put on the large available spaces on the walls.
- Use a local artist to create a glass-art work. They prefer something with color, not just etched glass.

After discussing available options that will satisfy both the Public Works department and the VAC, it was decided that Katie will check on the available large-scale artwork available and be prepared for the next meeting with the dimensions. Roger moved that museum staff inquire into available artists for the art glass component of this project. Maryjo Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Otocast Presentation, Kimber Kreutzer: Kimber arranged to have an audio conference and slide show with Eric Feinstein, owner of Otocast, to give a presentation for his phone app. Otocast is an application for smart phones that is designed for cities to offer patrons a mobile tour guide with audio enhancement of their public art. Eric described what the app is capable of doing as well as the installation and maintenance cost. He also answered questions that the commissioners had.

The VAC is interested in investing in some type of app for tours, but will be interested in hearing about other options in the future before making a final decision. Kimber also presented “Art Story Map,” a web-based application already created by the City of Loveland and is live to users. The City would like to link this to the Visitors Center Website, so that more users can access it. The VAC unanimously gave their go-ahead to link it.

D. Annual Maintenance, Kimber Kreutzer: The 2015 maintenance contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, who came in at \$8,900. The next closest bid was \$22,000. Jennifer and Kimber did a background check and an interview and he seemed to be qualified to clean the collection. It is expected that he will complete Benson Park by the 24th of July and the remainder of the collection by the end of August.

Mac Juneau also brought up the issue of repairing and moving the Kathleen Caricof piece, *Loving the Moment*. We will hire Ken Williams to remove the piece until Kathleen can repair it. Susan will check on the status of this and report next meeting.

There is also a stucco problem on *Triangle*, but it will be an easy fix to remove the stucco there and repair it. All other issues seem to have been taken care of.

E. Budget, Susan Ison: Susan gave an update on the current budget situation. The maintenance cost will be coming out of line item: Purchased Services. Because of the cost savings from the maintenance bid this year, the extra money can be moved elsewhere in the future if needed. “Wilson Avenue Bridge” was also added to the budget. The FAB \$7,000 and Joe Norman \$5,000 will be added on next month.

F. VAC Workshop Voting, Susan Ison: There was a discussion among the members about the projects that are priorities for this year and the upcoming year. Some of the major projects discussed were:

- Temporary art is currently being done with the Art in the Pocket Park
- Margie suggested doing an “Artist in Residence” at the Recycle Center. It was suggested that this could be incorporated into next year’s International Sculpture week.
- Murals were discussed--specifically on trash trucks or bus wraps and use in conjunction with engaging youth (teen court or kids’ competition) with a professional artist.
- Abbie is interested in the school crossings and trailheads/trail crossings. She also suggested that the two could be worked on together. It would also be possible to collaborate on this project with a Kid’s competition. Susan will check on the logistics of this.
- Roger would really like to see the kids’ artwork as a priority. Library card designs, school crossings, teen court and murals were all discussed.
- It is hoped that public teachers in the district can use the phone app as a resource for their classroom
- A subcommittee was set up for the AIPP Anniversary celebration on November 5th. The Subcommittee will be: Abbie Powers, Roger Clark and Nancy Jakobsson.

G. Summer RFQ Finalist, Kimber Kreutzer: There were 10 submission that the commission and committee considered. Joe Norman was selected for his idea “The Bike Band”. The idea is for “bikestruments” that play music when you pedal a stationary bike. He will install the pieces in the park in conjunction with the US Pro Challenge on August 22nd. It was suggested that we ask the artist to have all the pieces in before the pro challenge – he will be contacted to see if he can adjust his original timeline.

H. The Gathering, Greg Hoff: We are at a standstill with Parks and Rec getting water out to the piece. However, there was a discussion of using the \$5,000 grant that has been provided to move it elsewhere instead of trying to landscape around it. Some suggestions were to move it to North Lake Park, Derby Hill or gateways. The VAC will consider placement of the piece and discuss it at the next meeting.

I. Wilson Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison: Following up with Leah’s presentation from last month, there was a discussion about what to include on the RFP so it can go out this month. Shawn Fetzer was going to look into the cost/logistics of the railings and stucco. The VAC did decide that they would like to see the railing either replaced or fixed up and the stucco replaced and decorated in some way. Staff will check with Shawn about where he is with this project and report next month to the VAC.

There was also a short discussion about what to do with the *Faces Bridge*, which are now inaccessible. Possible places to move them were discussed, but nothing was decided at this time.

Staff Updates

A. TAAP 3D Dedication, Kimber Kreutzer: The dedication for TAAP 3D is tomorrow night in the Foote Gallery at 6:00 pm. The members of the VAC were encouraged to attend. Iscariot, the last of the TAAP sculptures, will be installed on site in the upcoming weeks.

B. Mehaffey Park Dedication, Susan Ison: The VAC will receive an invitation for the dedication on August 1st with more details. Margie was asked to introduce the members and the artist. More details will follow as the date gets closer.

C. Transformations, Kimber Kreutzer: All the artists have signed their contracts and are ready to start work. The boxes will be primed by July 15th so the artists can start working. They have until August 31st to complete the boxes at which point they will be clear coated. Kimber also passed out some mock ups of the locations and which boxes will be painted where.

D. Youth Diversion Project, Susan Ison: Leah and Susan met with Risk and Judge Joneson will find projects that the kids can do. We will try to see if the VAC has any projects that these kids can work on in the future.

E. SCFD, Susan Ison: Meetings continue for this initiative. The next meeting will be held here at the Loveland Museum for the on the 22nd of July. Any VAC members that can attend were encouraged to do so.

F. The Grove, Susan Ison: They have planted 4 of the 5 trees because the shipment came in with one short, so they will be planting the final tree soon. The VAC has paid \$956 to this point.

City Council Update, Phil Farely:

- The Court denied the lawsuit that Weston and Klein filed about Sprouts and it will now go forward
- The Downtown Development Authority is moving ahead with their strategic plan
- Downtown Loveland is now officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places and Colorado State Registry of Historic Places
- Removed condition on solicitation
- DDA is moving on idea of putting initiative on ballot in November - ask for ability to tax \$1 million for people who live in the area
- New Deputy Municipal Judge, Marco Scalise

Info Sharing

- Judge Joneson would love to have some artwork in her hall outside her office
- If anyone would like an art bumper sticker, they are available
- Big Thompson Almanac has several articles on our transformation boxes
- Governor coming on July 27th to talk about ArtSpace

Adjournment

Citing no further VAC business, Abbie Powers moved to adjourn. Julie Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The length of the meeting was 3:10.