

**LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**  
**LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**5:00 PM REGULAR VAC BUSINESS**

The September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann, Maryjo Morgan and Abbie Powers. Absent: Nancy Jakobsson and Judy O’Gorman. Also present was Leah Browder (Public Works). City Council Member Phil Farley and Museum liaison Susan Ison and Katie Fowers were in attendance.

**Preliminary Matters**

**Additions or Corrections to the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes:** There were no corrections to the meeting minutes.

**Additions or Corrections to the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting agenda:** Maryjo Morgan added item J) 2D Rotation Subcommittee Report under VAC Business/Action Items.

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

**VAC Business/Action Items**

**A. Public Works Update, Leah Browder:** Leah gave a report on her progress with the Public Works Department. She is currently working on building a “catalog of possibilities” of projects that the VAC could possibly pursue in the future. She has sent out a request to the managers and asked them to provide her with the following information:

- Around the city facilities either spaces or walls (interior and exterior) that could benefit from art. Pictures were also requested to accompany this information.
- Asked engineers for infrastructure possibilities including bridges and railings that need beautification.
- Possible crosswalk locations where art could be incorporated, specifically starting with those on city streets that we control so that CDOT does not have to immediately be involved with the projects.

She has also received permission to wrap the City refuse trucks as well as the transit buses. The idea was suggested that the artwork have an environmental theme or highlight the art events around the City.

Public Works is also working to organize a banner program along Eisenhower. They feel it is a lost opportunity for beautification of the City as well as revenue and advertising for City events.

Leah is currently working on getting pricing figured out for all of these projects and will be prepared to report next month.

Phil Farley also requested that Leah give a brief update about how they are solving the traffic issues on Highway 34. She outlined the timeline, budget and plans that are expected for that project, but nothing has been approved yet.

**B. FAB Update, Susan Ison:** Susan passed around a draft for the RFP for the Fire Administration Building lobby remodel. The VAC unanimously agreed to remove the condition in the RFP that the applicants for the project must be from Loveland. They also changed how the finalist will be chosen: instead of having up to three finalists, there will be one finalist chosen who will propose up to three different ideas, one to be chosen by the VAC as the winner. The finalist will still have three weeks to prepare his/her proposals and receive the \$500 stipend. Susan will work on the timeline and get it posted in CaFE as soon as possible.

The subcommittee will be Nikki Garshelis, Kerri Burchett, Abbie Powers and Margie Rosborough.

**C. Joe Norman’s Bike Band update, Susan Ison:** The *Bike Band* seems to be a success. It was suggested that we request that the artist keep the installation after it comes down and store it to possibly be brought out at a later date for future use.

**D. Budget, Susan Ison:** Susan passed around an updated budget for this month. As soon as we get estimates for projects from Public Works we will update the budget accordingly.

**E. Annual Maintenance, Susan Ison:** Sherri followed up with last month's request to have Mac Juneau take a walk around Benson Park and give his opinion about the condition of the sculptures. After walking the garden, he did not feel comfortable making a judgement call about the condition and requested that a professional provide that information. There was a lengthy discussion about how to move forward with assessing the condition of the sculptures as well as the protocol on how to manage the extensive outdoor collection. It was decided that Jennifer would contact other sculpture gardens around the country to see how they manage their collection to get an idea of how others maintain their artwork. She will also look into the price for hiring a few different professional conservators to give opinions about the condition of our collection. She will be ready to report next month.

It was also mentioned that there are numerous other pieces in our collection that are not in Benson Park that need maintenance attention.

**F. VAC Goals update, Susan Ison:** Leah Browder is moving forward with many of the projects that are on the VAC Goals list, so the commission will await her estimates for the projects that have been discussed in this meeting and then decide which ones to move forward with.

**G. Moving *The Gathering*, Susan Ison:** The \$5,000 grant money from the Kroger Trust has been received and deposited into the AIPP account and is ready to be used to move *The Gathering* to a new location. It was suggested that it be moved to the west end of South Shore Park. The VAC unanimously agreed that if this is a possibility, it would be a great place to move the piece. Susan will check with Parks and Rec to get approval.

Margie Rosborough will draft a thank you letter to the Kroger Trust and have the VAC sign it next month.

**H. AIPP Anniversary Celebration, Susan Ison:** Plans are moving forward for the celebration on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Katie is currently working on compiling the invitation list with addresses. A music group has been secured for the Main Gallery entertainment upstairs and Bryan Wendt will be playing the guitar downstairs. We will now be working on catering and invitation design.

**I. Wilson Avenue Bridge update, Susan Ison:** The RFP has been posted on CaFE. The subcommittee for the project will be Leah Browder, Shawn Fetzer, Abbie Powers, Maryjo Morgan and Roger Clark. Susan Ison and Kimber Kreutzer will also attend the meeting. The jury will be set up to look at the entries in CaFE before the final jury selection meeting (date is yet to be determined).

**J. 2D Subcommittee Report, Maryjo Morgan:** Maryjo reported on the meeting the subcommittee recently had where they decided to recommend some possible locations to place pieces that are in storage:

- *Flower Arranger*: There is a plaque already in place on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Civic Center connecting hallway, so it was requested that it just be put back where it originally hung.
- *Purple Cabbage*: Placed in the Civic Center connecting hallway.
- *Red Rocks at Morrison*: Behind the receptionist for the City Attorney's Office. It was suggested that the plaque include the donor of the piece.
- *Still Live with Roses*: Placed in Civic Center connecting hallway.
- *Colorado Horsepower*: Placed in Council Chambers. There is a piece already on the wall where they are requesting to place it, but the existing piece could possibly be moved just east down the hall.
- *Loveland Foothills Triptych*: Because of its large size, a definite place was hard to secure. Some suggestions were in the Library archive or in Council Chambers.
- *Feather Ghost*: Placed in the City Attorney's office to replace a mirror.
- *Genesis of a Thunderbolt*: They have not yet identified a place for the sculpture, but it was suggested that it be put in the FAB lobby.

When these are placed, someone from the subcommittee will go with the installer to ensure proper placement. Also, new plaques will be made to accompany the pieces.

## Staff Updates

**A. Transformations Update, Susan Ison:** There was one artist that requested a little more time, but we believe that everyone is done painting and hopefully they will be clear coated this week. With Kimber out of town, a definite update will be available in October.

**B. SCFD Update, Susan Ison:** The meetings are still going forward, the next will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 at the Loveland Museum Gallery. They are currently trying to get an idea of assets and how to distribute the money among the qualifying organizations. Any interested VAC members are encouraged to attend the meetings.

**C. Website/Mobile App report, Susan Ison:** The Loveland High Plains Arts Council has provided us with high-quality images of pieces in their collection to replace the problematic ones that we have on file. Also, quality professional photographs are currently being taken of the rest of the collection that needs it. These will be ready for the slide show that will be shown at the AIPP Anniversary Celebration.

**D. Equinox Lighting Update, Susan Ison:** Met last month with the Equinox team about possibilities to get it lit. Because of its proximity to a traffic light, putting lighting on the piece is problematic for CDOT. They are currently checking into seeing if they can get an endorsement from the City Manager's Office before bringing the proposal before CDOT.

## City Council Update

- Finalized DDA and boundaries and will be placed on the November 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot
- There was a budget update
- Added more FTEs
- Currently have over a billion dollars in assets
- South Catalyst project update

## Information Sharing

- Night on the Town is tomorrow night

## Adjournment

Citing no further VAC business, Sherri Heckel Kuhlman moved to adjourn. Julie Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. The length of the meeting was 2:00.