

LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH, 2015
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The August 13th, 2015 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Abbie Powers. Absent: Julie Bender, Greg Hoff and Nancy Jakobsson. Also present was Joe Norman (Artist). City Council Member Phil Farley and Museum liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were in attendance.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or Corrections to the July 9th, 2015 meeting minutes: On page 2, item D) Annual Maintenance, in the second paragraph: “*Mac Juneau also brought up the issue of repairing and moving the Kathleen Caricof piece, Loving the Moment.*” Mac did not bring up moving the piece, he just brought up that it needs to be fixed. The following sentence will be stricken from the record because it was decided after the meeting: *Because we the VAC can’t provide liability insurance, we can hire Ken Williams to move it because he has his own liability insurance.*

Additions or Corrections to the August 13th, 2015 meeting agenda: Susan added agenda item F) *Equinox Lighting* under Staff Updates.

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

Business/Action Items

A. Bike Band (Art in Pocket Park), Joe Norman: Joe came to ask the commissioners about some questions he had regarding a slight design change to his original proposal. He specifically wanted feedback on his idea to use gas cans he found in a junk yard as a drum instead of the drums he was planning on using. He thought that the original drums he was planning to use would be too fragile and may be damaged in the elements and from too much use from the public. The commissioners agreed this was an acceptable change. He also wanted to clarify the timeline of his installation, specifically in regards to possible closures with the Pro Challenge that weekend. In addition, he also plans to have a smaller bike for children to ride.

B. Fire Administration Building (FAB), Susan Ison: There was a discussion last month about finding an artist to decorate the glass in the lobby. However, the plan for the public art in the lobby is changing. The glass is behind the counter, not out in the lobby, so the discussion has turned to turning the large wall into a colorful mural and having the glass incorporate some complementary colors as a decorative piece. Because there is no longer a pressing time issue because glass doesn’t need to be installed soon, there will be more meetings to discuss the project to decide what specific things want to be included on the RFP.

In addition, Katie handed out a copy of the large pieces that we have in storage, as well as their dimensions.

C. Budget, Susan Ison: Susan passed out the updated budget which includes the FAB \$7,000 and the Art in the Pocket Park \$5,000. They are both tied to the \$64,000 Capital Commissions/Constructions Encumbrances. The remaining balance for that account is \$83,130, which is flexible.

D. Annual Maintenance, Susan Ison: We have had emails come in from Patrick Kipper and Deb Bakel concerning the maintenance of the collection this year. Susan passed out the correspondence from Patrick and Deb as well as documentation of what Anthony has done related to the maintenance. Susan also informed the VAC that an outside conservator was hired to look at the collection and give a professional opinion about the quality of the cleaning and waxing that is currently being done. Her report was also distributed. In addition, it was requested by VAC members that they receive a copy of previous years’ condition reports that Patrick Kipper had done. The VAC will take all documents for review this month and revisit the issue at next month’s regular VAC meeting.

Also, we have received a call from Kim Shockley, the artist of the work *River Rapture* in Benson Park, asking for Pat Kipper to personally clean her piece. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

E. VAC Goals Update, Susan Ison: Susan has been asked by Leah Browder with Public Works that beginning next month, Public Works be on every VAC agenda to come and give a report.

Also, Leah has gotten approval to move forward with the following projects the VAC discussed:

- Commission artwork on the refuse trucks and the transportation bus wraps.
- Leah has asked her staff to submit ideas for possible locations for murals (both interior and exterior).
- Artwork on right-of-ways.
- Identify a number of crosswalks that could have artwork.

Public Works will be here next month to inform us of prices for each of the projects before we move forward with any plans.

F. Moving *The Gathering*, Susan Ison: There was some discussion at the last meeting about possibly moving it to the South Entry of town, but upon further research, the piece will not fit in that small of a space. It was suggested that perhaps the Loveland High Plains Arts Council consider placing it in their new expansion park across from Benson Park. Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann said she would take the suggestion to them and report back next month.

G. AIPP Anniversary Celebration Update, Susan Ison: A subcommittee met last month and worked out some of the preliminary details for the celebration:

- It will take place on November 5th at the Loveland Museum/Gallery from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm in the main gallery.
- The guest list will include: all artists who have a piece in the collection (as well as a guest), City Council (current and newly elected), Loveland High Plains Arts Council (current and past members), Department Directors, Visual Arts Commission (current and past members), Cultural Services Board, ArtSpace and ArtWorks individuals, Governor Hickenlooper, and other relevant members of the community.
- Craft Brewers and Wine to drink.
- Continuous slide show of the pieces in the collection playing in the Foote Gallery downstairs.
- Providing “art/creative” nametags, customizing them to reflect Charter Members of VAC and other key individuals.
- The invitation will include a thank you for their contribution to the collection and the night be more of a social event instead of having a formal “program” that people may have a hard time viewing/hearing.
- The VAC will rotate taking turns at the door welcoming guests to the event.
- A paper program will be handed out at the door including the Charter Members that started AIPP, the Governor’s Choice Award, a brief history, etc.
- The entertainment will be a nice string quartet upstairs and possibly a soloist guitar downstairs with the food and slide show.

H. Wilson Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison: Susan has made a draft for the RFP for the Wilson Avenue Bridge. It was requested that the VAC look over the RFP and send any additions via email to Susan by next Tuesday.

Staff Updates

A. Transformations Update, Kimber Kreutzer: All but two artists are finished with their boxes, but all are expected to be completed on time. We have been in touch with someone to have them clear coated upon completion. Instead of having a formal dedication, it was suggested that we send the artists a new brochure with their boxes highlighted on the cover, as well as invite them to a VAC meeting to formally thank them for their work and have a slice of celebratory cake.

B. Youth Diversion Project, Susan Ison: There was a meeting last week to discuss the project. Because of all the logistics that will take time, as well as other departments that have more pressing needs with the project, the VAC’s involvement will be re-evaluated in about six months.

C. SCFD, Susan Ison: The meeting last night was about the current project of doing an “asset inventory” to move forward with the project. An intern at the City Manager’s Office has been working on getting the information and the committee will meet again to discuss findings. The meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, although the location changes each week. Susan will add the VAC to her reminder email list. The next meeting will tentatively be held on August 26th at 6:00 Fire Station 4 (1945 Drake) in Fort Collins.

D. Mobile App Update, Susan Ison: Susan met with the Economic Development Department (EDD) and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and EDD offered their IT people to do the project the way we want it. There will be money available in the EDD budget to take care of costs, as well as CMC money if we need it. The cost would probably be getting the stories from the artists, but the immediate need is to get quality photographs of all the pieces. CMC offered to pay to have them re-photographed.

E. *Loving the Moment* by Kathleen Caricof, Kimber Kreutzer: The plan is to remove the piece before the winter to store until the artist is available to travel out to fix it. We are currently working with Ken Williams and his schedule to get it moved.

F. *Equinox* Lighting, Susan Ison: The *Equinox* team is really determined to get the piece lit. Doug Rutledge has talked to some people about the logistics of LED lighting and Susan has briefly checked in with Leah about the possibility of lighting with regards to CDOT. They have scheduled a meeting with all the involved parties next week. Susan will report back at the September meeting.

City Council Update, Phil Farley

- Last Tuesday's meeting was cancelled
- Awarded contract for MOC and FAB
- Discussion on waste water treatment plant
- There will be no election on changing the food tax
- There will be an election on DDA and SB 152
- Meeting on Pulliam Building to get "Quiet Title"
- Southern Catalyst Project – still on track with different developers

Information Sharing

- Sherri thanked those who attended and helped with the Sculpture in the Park Show. They made over \$1 million in sales. It was also noted that there was good feedback this year.
- Mehaffey Park dedication went well and the park looks great. Thanks for all those who attended.
- Susan received a letter from someone doing research and would like more information about one of our Foundation Pieces.
- Abby was able to raise all the money for her show on Kickstarter. It will be available to see on Night on the Town and will close on Sept 26th.
- There is a possibility for a donor that would like to contribute/commission a piece about Swedish immigration.

Adjournment

Citing no further business, Abby Powers moved to adjourn. Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The length of the meeting was 1:45.