

# CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

4:30 PM

## LOVELAND MUSEUM

503 N Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

I. The October 27, 2015 meeting of the Cultural Services Board was called to order at 4:34pm by Desiree Eremondi in the upstairs Conference Room of the Loveland Museum.

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

Also present were Council Liaison Ralph Trenary; Bryan Zellmer, Rialto Theater Center Manager; Jennifer Cousino, Curator of History; Jenni Dobson, Curator of Education; Maureen Corey, Curator of Art; and Tegan Hollen, Office Support Specialist. Susan Ison, Cultural Services Director, was absent.

### **Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

There were no additions or corrections/changes to the agenda.

### **Additions or Corrections/Changes to the September 29, 2015 Minutes**

Kris Ortmann noted three items that needed to be added to the minutes, which were: an explanation of her calling the September meeting to order due to the Chair and Vice-Chair being absent, additional information about the Connecting the Dots teacher development program created by Jenni Dobson that was shared at the September meeting, and the location of two advertising billboards secured by Erika Lehman, Marketing Coordinator, for the Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection exhibit that was also mentioned at the September meeting. There were no other additions or corrections/changes to the September 29, 2015 minutes.

### **Approval of the September 29, 2015 Minutes**

Juanita Cisneros motioned for the September 29, 2015 minutes to be approved with the proposed changes. Kris Ortmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **II. Agenda Items**

### **Board Reports**

**CSB Accomplishments Update** – Kris Ortmann reviewed the activities that CSB members participated in during the past month.

**Board Recruitment** – Tegan Hollen reviewed the application process for the Cultural Services board as recruitment has begun for 2016. Two current board members, Louise Kauffman and Juanita Cisneros, have terms expiring at the end of the year, but they may reapply if they choose. Applications can be completed online on the City's website and are due November 30<sup>th</sup>. Applicant interviews will be scheduled after the application period has closed.

**Combined November & December Meeting** – Tegan Hollen confirmed that the November and December board meetings would be combined as was done in past years. The final Cultural Services Board meeting of 2015 will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. The meeting will be held at 4:30pm at the Loveland Museum in the downstairs Foote Gallery/Auditorium and will include a potluck.

## **Cultural Services Department Reports**

**Museum Report** – Museum staff spoke about current and upcoming events and exhibits at the Loveland Museum as well as other news.

- *Holiday Tree Lighting:* Jenni Dobson provided an update about the Holiday Tree Lighting event scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 from 5:00 – 7:00pm. The City is collaborating with the Loveland Downtown Partnership/Downtown Development Authority on the event. The tree at the Civic Center will be lit around 5:00pm to begin the event, after which the festivities will move down 4<sup>th</sup> street toward the Rialto Theater Center. Vendors and entertainment will be provided along the way to 4<sup>th</sup> Street, and 4<sup>th</sup> Street businesses will be participating as well by providing coupons, refreshments, and more.
- *Volunteer Recognition Party:* The Museum Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled for Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:00pm at the Rialto Theater Center in the Devereaux Room. This event is being held to celebrate and thank those who volunteered and supported the Museum in 2015.
- *Visual Arts Commission 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration:* To commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Loveland's Art in Public Places program, a private celebration is being held on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00pm at the Loveland Museum. This celebration will bring together past artists, Loveland High Plains Council Members, and Visual Arts Commissioners who have contributed to the program since it was created in 1985.
- *Collection Storage Update:* Jennifer Cousino reported that the purchase of a new off-site building for collection storage will be considered for approval at the City Council meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If approved, the building will be purchased and closed on in January 2016.
- *Stephen Beal Bench:* Poet Veronica Patterson and her husband Evan Patterson donated funds to the Museum for the creation of a bench in honor of artist and poet Stephen Beal. This bench is currently being designed by artist Bruce Gueswel and will include

lines from Stephen Beal's poetry. The bench will be placed in the Museum's Green Room Gallery when it is completed.

- *Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection Exhibit*: Jennifer Cousino detailed the upcoming events for the exhibit. The *Evening with Christo* lecture event will occur on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Rialto Theater Center, which will be followed by a book signing at Artworks Loveland from 8:00 – 8:30pm and a private VIP Reception at the Loveland Museum from 8:00 – 9:00pm. Maureen Corey also mentioned the newspaper coverage the exhibit received in the Loveland Reporter Herald and Denver Post.
- *Halloween Family Fun Festival*: Jennifer Cousino reminded board members of the upcoming Halloween Family Fun Festival on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- *Gallery 101*: Maureen Corey provide board members with an update about the current Gallery 101 training program that meets every Thursday from September 24 through December 10, 2015. There are 17 participants in the session, many of whom have committed to volunteer weekly as a Docent at the Museum once the training ends. Maureen Corey described the training program curriculum and schedule, which has so far included a presentation by artist Jim Disney, a tour of the Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra in Loveland, and a visit to the University Art Museum's Scrimmage exhibit at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

**Rialto Theater Center Report** – Bryan Zellmer spoke about current and upcoming performances and events at the Rialto Theater Center as well as other news.

- *Staff Update – Dave Brull*: Bryan Zellmer provided more information about Dave Brull, Rialto Theater Center Technical Coordinator, who was recently in an accident that has left him unable to work for 12 weeks. While Dave Brull is recovering, Bryan Zellmer and other staff are handling his duties.
- *Events and Performances*: Bryan Zellmer spoke to board members about future events and performances at the Rialto Theater Center, detailing his strategy for scheduling in early 2016.
- *Railings*: Kris Ortmann asked Bryan Zellmer if there have been any issues reported with the new railings installed in the Balcony at the Rialto Theater Center and he reported that there have been no complaints submitted.
- *Rialto Theater Center Volunteer Event*: The Rialto Theater Center Volunteer Event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and will feature a custom show created by Scattershot Entertainment.
- *Backstage Rialto*: Kris Ortmann asked Bryan Zellmer about the Backstage Rialto board and if officers have been chosen, which he confirmed has been done. Bryan Zellmer also mentioned that the Backstage Rialto board continues to plan their Academy Award themed fundraising event that will take place in February 2016.

## City Council Report

Councilor Ralph Trenary offered an update about specific items being considered by City Council as well as City Council news.

- *Rialto Theater Center Feedback:* Councilor Trenary mentioned that he continues to receive feedback from both his constituents and other City Council members about the increase in the ticketing fees and also the changes to the rental fee structure at the Rialto Theater Center.
- *Wrecking Crew:* Councilor Trenary shared his experience at the recent Walbye Film Series: Wrecking Crew film viewing at the Rialto Theater Center and mentioned that there may be an opportunity to collaborate on a similar event in the future with Denny Tedesco, the director of the film.
- *Loveland Art Studio Tour:* Councilor Trenary mentioned that plans to continue the Loveland Art Studio are ongoing, and the tour as it has occurred in the past may look different in the future. Instead of being operated under the fiscal sponsorship of the Thompson Valley Art League (TVAL), a new board is being formed to coordinate the tour and a 501(c)3 application is being completed so the tour can remain sustainable, separate from the TVAL.
- *Pulliam Building:* An agreement has been reached between the City of Loveland and the Pulliam family that will allow plans to restore the building to a mixed-use space for Downtown Loveland to move forward. This restoration of the building could lead to the formation of a community theater group in Loveland as well as help the City meet the requirements for hosting a First Night event downtown for New Year's Eve.
- *Rialto Performances:* Councilor Trenary expressed his appreciation of the recent FACE performance at the Rialto Theater Center and hopes they are able to perform in Loveland again. Councilor Trenary also mentioned that he is looking forward to the upcoming Colorado Jazz Reparatory Orchestra performance at the Rialto Theater Center.

## Miscellaneous

- There were no miscellaneous items discussed at this meeting.

**NEXT CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 4:30 pm in the Loveland Museum downstairs Foote Gallery/Auditorium. This meeting will also include a holiday potluck gathering.

## III. Adjournment

The Cultural Services Board meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm.