

LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH, 2016
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The January 14th, 2016 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 by Chairperson Margie Rosborough. Commissioners present: Julie Bender, Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Nancy Jakobsson, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann, Judy O’Gorman, Abbie Powers, Sara Turner and alternate member Jade Windell. Absent: Maryjo Morgan. City Council member Leah Johnson, Mac and Polly Juneau (Loveland High Plains Arts Council), Jennifer Cousino (Loveland Museum Gallery), and Staff liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were all in attendance.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or Corrections to the January 14th, 2016 meeting agenda: Item G) *Taft Avenue Bridge* under Staff Updates was added.

Additions or Corrections to the December 10th, 2015 meeting minutes: Roger Clark moved to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Nancy Jakobsson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

VAC Business/Action Items

- A. Loveland High Plains Arts Council, Mac and Polly Juneau:** Mac and Polly Juneau gave a very brief overview of their 2015 year and then presented the proposed donations to the VAC committee for approval. The sculptures that are anticipated to be added to the Benson Park Sculpture Garden in 2016 are: *Tree Top Stretch* by Daniel Glanz, *Cotton & Clementine* by Sandy Graves, *Taking Watch* by Parker McDonald, *Book Peddlers* by Jack Morford, *Magic Fish* by Adam Shultz and *Grandmother’s Washday* by Fritz White. The VAC will review the entries and take a vote at the next meeting.
- B. Maintenance, Jennifer Cousino:** Jennifer informed us that the plinth for *Casey at Bat* on Highway 287 by the Fairgrounds Park was hit by a drunk driver. The sculpture itself was not damaged; it is currently under repair. Also, *Point Traveling Through Space at an Erratic Speed* by Robert Mangold in front of the museum is in need of new paint. Jennifer received a bid for \$1,155 from Reven Swanson in Denver, who originally helped Robert Mangold paint the piece.
- Roger Clark moved to have Reven Swanson repaint the Mangold piece for \$1,155. Greg Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was a lengthy discussion about the status of Jonathan Taggart coming to assess the condition of the collection. There was some confusion about whether Pat Kipper would still survey the collection if Mr. Taggart were hired. After debate, Nancy Jakobsson moved to approve a budget of up to \$9,000 for Jonathan Taggart to inspect the Benson Park and to postpone Pat Kipper’s survey until a report from Jonathan is received. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Budget, Susan Ison:** Susan Ison passed out the budget to the VAC for review. The budget for 2016 is approximately \$25,000 less than it was in 2015.
- D. FAB Update, Susan Ison:** Four artists presented their ideas for the Fire Administration building last week to a jury of 7 people. Daryl Thetford was selected for his large mural of Loveland buildings and history. The submission was shown to the VAC for approval. Roger Clark moved to accept the mural by Daryl Thetford to be placed in the Fire Administration Building. Judy O’Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E. Wilson Avenue Bridge Update, Susan Ison:** Stephen Shachtman, the finalist for the Wilson Avenue Bridge call for entry, presented his revised idea for the bridge. He titled his submission “The Wilson Watchmen”. The proposal was for four, 10 foot Cor-ten and glass sculptures to be placed on the end parapets. The design used the

Loveland City Logo turned vertically to add to the visual effect. Roger Clark moved to accept the proposal as was presented to the VAC. Nancy Jakobsson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Office Election Committee, Susan Ison:** It was proposed by the committee that Nancy Jakobsson replace Margaret Rosborough as Chairperson with Abbie Powers as Vice-Chairperson. Roger Clark moved to accept these changes. Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G. Meeting Time, Susan Ison:** Our new City Council liaison, Leah Johnson, has a time conflict with the current meeting time for the VAC on the second Thursday at 5:00 pm. Roger Clark moved to change the meeting time from the 2nd Thursday to the 1st Thursday of each month at 5:00 pm. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The only exception to this is the March meeting which will be held on March 10th at 5:00 pm.
- H. Boards and Commissions Dinner, Susan Ison:** The annual Boards and Commissions dinner will be held on March 3rd and the VAC is expected to present to the group an overview of the commission's projects over the last three years. Abbie Powers and Sara Turner will represent the VAC that night.

Staff Updates

- A. SCFD, Roger Clark:** The committee is active and working together to finish up the final items to get it on the ballot in November.
- B. Website/Mobile App Report, Kimber Kreutzer:** There is no update to the website/mobile app this month. Kimber will come with an update next month.
- C. TAAP 2D Update, Kimber Kreutzer:** There were about 35 artists and over 70 entries for TAAP 2D. The call is closed and the jury will meet on Thursday, January 28th to decide the finalists.
- D. VAC Applications Update, Susan Ison:** There were four available spots on the Visual Arts commission and six people applied. It is proposed that Margie Rosborough, Judy O'Gorman, Greg Hoff and Sara Turner fill the spots on the VAC with Jade Windell as an alternate member. Roger Clark moved to send these names to City Council for approval. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was also a very sincere "Thank You" to Sherri Heckel Kuhlman for her work with the VAC for the last 9 years. She will be moving on to work with the Loveland High Plains Arts Council.
- E. Moving *The Gathering*, Greg Hoff:** We are still trying to contact the artist, Linda Prokop, to get approval for the placement of the piece. It is not anticipated to be moved until sometime in the spring.
- F. Railroad Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison:** There will be a small amount of money available to improve a bridge on Railroad Avenue. The committee will be meeting to discuss more details this week.
- G. Taft Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison:** We will be working with the Public Works department on this \$16k project. The Public Works department will be repairing the parapets and we will be soliciting a call for placing decorative elements on the parapets. It is expected to take place in July of this year, so we would like to have the plans by April. The RFP will be sent out quickly, calling for ideas to place the elements to be mounted on the bridge.

City Council Update

- City Council did not move forward with the Police Training Facility with Fort Collins.
- They did modify the MFA with McWhinney to use the public improvement dollars to build a parking structure for a mixed use development that will bring in close to 300 jobs to the community.

Information Sharing

- Susan toured the studio of Mark Lundeen and thought it might be worth the VAC taking a field trip together to see what they are working on.

Adjournment

Citing no further business, Abbie Powers moved to adjourn the meeting. Margie Rosborough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 6:52 pm and the length of the meeting was 1:52.