

LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH, 2016
LOVELAND MUSEUM GALLERY: FOOTE GALLERY
5:00 PM REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The April 7th, 2016 VAC meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Nancy Jakobsson. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman, Abbie Powers, Sara Turner and Jade Windell. City Council member Leah Johnson was present along with Jennifer Cousino (Loveland Museum/Gallery), Mac Juneau and Sherrie Heckel Kuhlmann (Loveland High Plains Arts Council). Staff liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers were also in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order

- A. Additions or Corrections to the April 7th, 2016 meeting agenda:** Agenda Items *I) Transformations J) Airport Mural and K) Studio Visits* were added to VAC Business. Agenda Item *I) Public Art Archive* was added under staff updates.
- B. Additions or Corrections to the March 10th, 2016 meeting minutes:** In the first paragraph under the agenda item Jonathan Taggart, it is to be noted that Jonathan only focused on Benson Park during his visit. Roger Clark moved to accept the meetings with the change. Judy O’Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Citizen Comments:** Citizens wishing to address the Visual Arts Commission shall be allotted 3 minutes to address VAC business. There were no citizens present at the meeting.

VAC Business/Action Items

- A. Maintenance, Jennifer Cousino and Susan Ison:** Jennifer passed out the report of Jonathan Taggart from last month, along with an addendum that addressed some of the concerns brought up in letters sent to the VAC. It was clarified that when Jonathan makes the comment that “he didn’t have access to all the records” it meant that because he was out in the field at Benson Park, it was impossible for him to have all the boxes of paper files with him to assess each sculpture. Those records were, however, made available to him at the museum and are available for anyone to view. We have kept thorough and complete records.

Additionally, the data entry for Jonathan’s assessment is complete. They have been sorted in terms of what needs to be addressed immediately and what needs attention this year. Jennifer Cousino has sent out a bid for maintenance for Benson Park and we are currently working out who will assess the remainder of the collection.

It was suggested that we try to get an estimate of what it is costing annually for maintenance. Our estimate comes in close to 100K over the last 2 years. This will be taken into consideration as we try to discuss long term policy changes.

It was suggested that a meeting be set up by the Maintenance Committee with LHPAC and VAC, Pat Kipper and Jennifer Cousino to address the maintenance of the collection for this year based on the assessment from Jonathan Taggart. In addition, it was suggested that the VAC have a meeting and subsequent retreat to address these issues of maintenance for the collection. A meeting was set to discuss the recommendations that have come out of the assessment. It is set for Thursday, 5:00 pm June 30th.

Mac Juneau also addressed the VAC about the possibility of putting something in the place of the Kathy Caricof piece that must now be kept indoors. The VAC will discuss this at the June 30th meeting.

There was also discussion about insurance and coverage for the collection. Susan will ask Risk Management about the cost of additional insurance to cover the collection and have it available for the June meeting.

- B. Budget, Susan Ison:** The budget was distributed. There were no updates at this time. It was noted that the Ken Cooper, Facilities Manager for the City of Loveland is leaving but has it in his budget to buy some prints from Daryl Thetford at cost to give as gifts. Daryl is selling them at cost and they will be shipped this week.

- C. Railroad Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison:** There was discussion about what could be done to decorate the bridge in some way on such a small budget. Abbie Powers made a motion to query the finalist of the Taft Avenue Bridge commission to add this project onto his current one. Roger Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. 2D Rotation Committee, Maryjo Morgan:** Maryjo is going to measure a space in the library to see if the Roy Wilce tapestry will fit. We are also waiting for John Dilgarde to hang the 2D pieces in the recommended places at the civic center. Susan also showed another piece that was brought down and needs to be added to the rotation list. We will keep this on the agenda to make sure we are following up on it.
- E. International Sculpture Day, Jade Windell:** We are moving forward with creating a scavenger hunt for that day and will have some sort of prize for participating as well as a “take away” scavenger hunt to do at Benson Park. Free admission will be offered at the museum on April 24th from 1-3 for kids and their accompanying adults to celebrate. Jack Kreutzer will come and do some sculpting. Roger Clark motioned to approve \$150 for prizes. Abbie Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Next year we may want to expand on this idea as being a day for kids to meet one of our goals to reach out to children.
- F. Herb Zimmerman: lighting and plinth, Kimber Kreutzer:** The Zimmerman family would really like to see the sculpture outside, so plans have been made to move forward to building a plinth for it. Roger Clark moved to approve \$3,600 for the plinth. After discussion about the lighting possibilities, Greg Hoff amended the motion to \$4,600 to include the lighting. Sara Turner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The dedication will be on June 5th at 1:00 pm.
- G. Yarn Bombing, Susan Ison:** There has been plenty of support from the community for this event and plans are currently being made for the details of the project. It will be assembled on the June Night On The Town on June 10th. Details will follow as they become available.
- H. LHPAC/VAC Social Gathering, Susan Ison:** It was discussed at the last meeting getting together with the Loveland High Plains Arts Council for a social. A tentative date was set for Wednesday, May 11th at 5:30. We will look into availability at Artworks to have hors d’oeuvres from Generations and everyone bringing a bottle of wine to share.
- I. Transformations, Kimber Kreutzer:** After discussion, it was decided by the VAC to continue this popular program for another year. Jade Windell moved to approve funding the painting of 2 large boxes and 3 small boxes. Margie Rosborough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- In addition, Kimber gave an update on the condition of last year’s boxes that had the bad clear coating on them. There are a couple of boxes that have paint failure because of the clear coating failure, so Kimber is in contact with the company who mishandled the clear coating to get compensation to repair them.
- J. Airport Mural, Susan Ison:** There is a space inside the Loveland Airport that is a possible site for a mural. It was suggested that any member of the VAC who is able go check out the space at the airport.
- K. Studio Visits, Susan Ison:** It was decided that there was interest by the VAC to make studio visits as a group. The early fall seemed like the best time for this, so it will be put on the September agenda.

Staff Updates

- A. FAB Update, Kimber Kreutzer:** Daryl Thetford has finished the piece and is getting ready to ship it here. The dedication will be on June 10th, probably around 1:00. Details to follow as they become available. Because the artist will not be able to attend the dedication, he would like to come out at a different time to see it complete and to possibly meet members of the VAC.
- B. Wilson Avenue Bridge, Kimber Kreutzer:** The project is on track and moving forward. Kimber has made the first payment to the artist and he is in the fabrication stage of the project.

- C. Dark Heart Coffee Mural, Susan Ison:** The Dark Heart Coffee location has been changed, so the mural project has been suspended indefinitely.
- D. South Catalyst Project, Susan Ison:** As the South Catalyst project moves forward, Mountain Comrades and the mosaics on the brick wall will need to be moved. It was requested that the VAC be looking for possible locations for these to be moved. Also, as the plans are now, there is a courtyard area in the middle of the proposed buildings as well as a parking garage.
- E. SCFD, Roger Clark:** The committee is diligently working on trying to get a petition.
- F. TAAP – Sculpture, Kimber Kreutzer:** We have not yet had any submissions, but the deadline is not until the end of April.
- G. Moving *The Gathering*, Kimber Kreutzer:** The weather is starting to warm up and the VAC is ready to move ahead with Ken Williams moving it.
- H. Taft Avenue RFP, Susan Ison:** Of the three finalists who presented their ideas to the committee, Joe Norman won the vote with his “Wings: Taft Bridge Sculpture” submission. He has eight different wings of different animals that he will place on the bridge. He will also place identifying markers for each wing in English, Spanish and Brail. Greg Hoff made a motion to approve Joe Norman’s proposal for the Taft Avenue Bridge for \$15,000. Jade Windell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- I. Public Art Archive, Katie Fowers:** The City of Loveland: Art in Public Places contribution to the Public Art Archive is complete. All the images and information about our collection have been sent to Westaf. They were very appreciative for our efforts and are excited to add them.

City Council Update

- City Council approved the budget for demolition for the South Catalyst Project. 1st public comment is tomorrow night at the DEA office at 3:15.
- Approved \$2m match for the 1-25 expansion that will create 3 lanes in the northern part of 402 to highway 14.
- Trying to create an ordinance to quite the train noise in Northern Colorado.
- Hired 9 new police officers
- The Humane Society building is looking for fee waivers for their new building.

Information Sharing

- It was mentioned that maybe we would want a Glenna Goodacre Sacajawea sculpture in our collection. We don’t have the funds right now to purchase, but it is something to keep on our radar.

Adjournment

Citing no further business, Sara Turner moved to adjourn. Maryjo Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10. The length of the meeting was 2:10.