

CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

4:30 PM

LOVELAND MUSEUM

503 N Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

I. The April 26, 2016 meeting of the Cultural Services Board was called to order at 4:30 pm by Juanita Cisneros, Chairperson, in the upstairs Conference Room of the Loveland Museum.

Board Members Present: Juanita Cisneros, Jan DesJardin, Kris Ortmann, and Heather Fortin-Rubald. Dr. Dierdre Cook, Suzanne Janssen, and Teresa Mueller were absent.

Staff Present: Susan Ison, Cultural Services Director; Bryan Zellmer, Rialto Theater Center Manager; Maureen Corey, Curator of Art; Jennifer Cousino, Curator of History; and Tegan Hollen, Office Support Specialist, were also present. John Fogle, City Council Liaison, was absent.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Susan Ison added an E-Cigarettes agenda item and a Yarn Bombing agenda item to the Cultural Services Reports section.

Additions or Corrections/Changes to the March 22, 2016 Minutes

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

Approval of the March 22, 2016 Minutes

Jan DesJardin motioned for the minutes to be approved. Kris Ortmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Guests

Michelle Vendegna, Loveland Reporter Herald reporter; Vincent Junglas, Assistant City Attorney; Christa Timmerman, Larimer County Department of Health and Environment Educator, were also present.

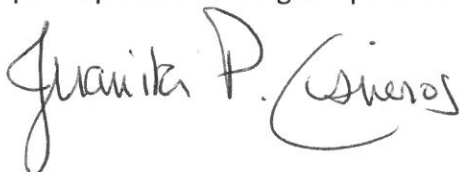
Public Comments

There were no public comments.

II. Agenda Items

Board Reports

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



Rialto Film Program Volunteer Needs – Kris Ortmann asked Bryan Zellmer if there is a need for additional box office volunteers because of the expanded Film Program. Bryan Zellmer responded that he and Sandi Elliott, Front of House Coordinator, are currently working on a staff and volunteer schedule for these offerings to determine what additional support is needed.

Cultural Services Department Reports

E-Cigarettes – Vincent Junglas and Christa Timmerman spoke to board members on behalf of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) about their concerns regarding the use of electronic cigarettes and vaporizers in public, especially by youth. As a result of their concern, the YAC has proposed adding electronic cigarettes and vaporizers to city policy related to smoking in public places to regulate their use. Upon reviewing literature from the American Academy of Pediatrics and discussing the YAC's concerns, Kris Ortmann motioned for the board to write a letter in support of the proposal. Jan DesJardin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Kris and Juanita Cisneros will write and submit a letter to Susan Ison to be included with letters from other boards and commissions in support of the proposal.

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

- *Art Exhibits – Maureen Corey:* Maureen Corey spoke about the art exhibits scheduled for the remainder of 2016, including:
 - *Animalia*, the Society of Animal Artists juried exhibition on June 10 – August 21 in the Main Gallery.
 - *Sara Pearce: Remnants*, a History as Art exhibition on view June 18 – August 14 in the Green Room Gallery.
 - *Robert Mangold: Erratic Energies*, an exhibit on view July 8 – September 18 featuring Mangold's PTSSAAES wall sculpture series.
 - *Les Dinners de Gala by Salvador Dali: The Twelve Lithograph Suite*, a traveling exhibit from the Castellani Art Museum at Niagara University on view August 27 – December 4 in the Green Room Gallery.
- *Dunning Exhibit Visitor Concern:* Jennifer Cousino spoke about a recent visitor comment regarding the Nazi armband displayed in the Harold Dunning Pioneer Museum exhibit case. The visitor feels that the armband is offensive and they do not believe it is relevant to the exhibit in which it is included or the Museum, and asked that it be removed. Board members were asked for their thoughts about the comment and what action, if any, should be taken. After discussing the issue, the Board feels that the armband is relevant to the Museum as part of its original collection and that it provides visitors with the opportunity to discuss and reflect upon Loveland's connection to major historic events. The Board feels the armband should continue to be displayed, though they recommended revising and making more visible the interpretive text near the exhibit case to help visitors understand why it is displayed. Susan Ison will contact the visitor to relay the Board's discussion.
- *Museum Preparator:* Interviews have been conducted for the Exhibit Preparator position and an offer has been made to and accepted by Eric Franklin. John Dilgarde will continue to assist with exhibit needs until Eric's background check is completed and he begins in May.

- *Museum Expansion:* Susan Ison is working with Olson Kundig, the architectural firm working on the proposed expansion, to schedule community focus group meetings aimed at gathering additional feedback about the project. Susan is also working with City Council to discuss moving forward with planning and funding of the project.
- *SCFD:* Susan Ison provided an update about the Northern Colorado SCFD petition, which has been certified. Board members were encouraged to help with the collection of signatures for the petition when it is available and also ask others interested in helping to contact Susan. Board members suggested reaching out to groups like Loveland Opera Theater and attending upcoming events like the Foote Lagoon Concerts to collect signatures. The number of signatures needed for the SCFD item to be added to the ballot for the 2016 election is 7,500, though the SCFD committee would like to collect 10,000.

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

- *Recent Performances and Events:* The recent Elders and Laurie Berkner concerts, as well as the Jon Lovitz comedy performance all went well for the Rialto Theater, as a number of the shows were either sold out or full houses. Bryan Zellmer mentioned that the Jon Lovitz performance prompted an attendee to leave a negative review on the Yelp website; however, two other attendees also provided positive reviews for the show.
- *Upcoming Performances and Events:* Bryan Zellmer spoke about the Rialto Cinema Program, which begins in June. All films are scheduled and confirmed except for the upcoming Star Wars film screenings scheduled for Saturday, August 6th. These films will not be shown due to an issue with the rights being pulled by Lucasfilm. Bryan also spoke about the Foote Lagoon Concert Series, explaining that main stage opening and headlining bands have been confirmed and scheduled, and the Children’s Stage bands and activities are being finalized. Finally, Bryan spoke about the positive response to the Broadway Bootcamp at the Rialto Theater this summer.

Yarn Storming – Susan Ison spoke about the Art in Public Places Program’s Yarn Storming project.* Yarn bombing is a type of street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn. For this project, community members, along with other community organizations, are invited to participate by knitting or crocheting various patterns to contribute to a larger artwork being placed on the fence between 3rd and 4th street on Railroad Avenue in downtown Loveland. The installation will take place on June 10th and the artwork will be on view through the summer. Patterns and yarn for the event can be picked up at either the Loveland Museum or Studio Vino, and there are open knit or crochet times scheduled at each location throughout May.

*This name of this project has been changed to the Art in Public Places Program’s Yarn Bombing project.

City Council Report

There was no City Council Report given at this meeting as Councilor John Fogle was unable to attend.

Miscellaneous

- Susan Ison spoke about International Sculpture Day, which is celebrated every year on April 24th. The Art in Public Places program celebrated this year at the Museum with special activities for children and free admission for families to the Governor's Art Show and Sale during the celebration.
- Juanita Cisneros and the Cultural Services Board expressed their thanks to Louise Kauffman for her service as a board member.
- Kris Ortmann spoke about a series of stories being done by Colorado Public Radio (CPR) about public funding for the arts, such as incentives for projects that use Colorado as a location to film, and mentioned that board members might like to follow the series especially as it relates to the work to add an SCFD item to the ballot for the 2016 election.
- Juanita Cisneros spoke about a positive interaction she witnessed between a woman and her grandson at the Benson Sculpture Garden in Loveland regarding the sculpture *Triangle* by Kirsten Kokkin.
- Board members asked about an update regarding the sculptures in downtown Loveland in the area where the South Catalyst project is being developed, specifically *Iscariot* by Trace O'Connor and *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller. Susan Ison responded by saying that *Iscariot* was scheduled to be on view for one year so it will be removed in June or July and the search for a new location for *Mountain Comrades* is still being done.

NEXT CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 4:30 pm in the Loveland Museum upstairs Conference Room.

III. Adjournment

The Cultural Services Board meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm.