

LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2016
LOVELAND MUSEUM GALLERY: CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM – REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The August 4th, 2016 VAC meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairperson Nancy Jakobsson. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Judy O’Gorman, Maryjo Morgan, Margie Rosborough, and Sara Turner. Absent: Abbie Powers and Jade Windell. Also present were: Jennifer Cousino (Loveland Museum/Gallery), City Council liaison Leah Johnson, and Staff Liaisons Susan Ison, Kimber Kreutzer and Katie Fowers.

Call Meeting to order

- A. Additions or Corrections to the August 4th, 2016 meeting agenda:** Agenda Item E) *Solveig Lark* and F) *South Catalyst Wood* were added under VAC Business/Action Items.
- B. Additions or Corrections to the July 7th, 2016 meeting minutes:** There were no additions or corrections to the meeting minutes. Margie Rosborough motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. 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 to comment on VAC business.

VAC Business/Action Items:

- A. Maintenance, Jennifer Cousino:** It was requested to have the Maintenance Retreat minutes re-sent out to the commissioners to review before we take a vote for approval at the September meeting.

Nancy, Greg and Roger met with members of the LHPAC maintenance subcommittee to discuss options for funding the maintenance of the collection in future years. Discussions will be ongoing regarding specifics of how to move forward with recommendations. There was a short discussion about the new part-time job that is being created and how this position could assist with relieving some of the financial burden of maintenance of the collection.

There were some concerns that there are pieces in the collection, Jane DeDecker’s pieces in particular, that are being treated twice. The error in communication has been cleared up and all pieces have been treated properly.

The maintenance for the rest of the collection is set to take place in the next few weeks.

- B. Budget, Susan Ison:** The budget was circulated to the VAC. It was suggested that next year we will provide an encumbrance for maintenance so that we can clearly see how much we are spending on maintenance each year.

- C. 2D Rotation Committee, Kimber Kreutzer:** John Dilgarde, who will be hanging the pieces, is out of town but has committed to hanging them at some point this year.

Kathleen Caricof would like to fix *Loving the Moment* so that it may be placed inside. After a discussion about possible locations, it was suggested placing the piece in the Rialto Theater. Susan will look into the possibility of placing it there and the VAC will continue to look for a suitable place in the next couple of weeks.

- D. 4th Street Gallery, Susan Ison:** The subcommittee will be meeting on August 18th at 5:00 pm at the Loveland Museum/Gallery to discuss possibilities of how to use the space for public art. The subcommittee will be Abbie Powers, Judy O’Gorman and Sara Turner.

- E. Solveig Lark, Susan Ison:** There has been a request to have the VAC help fund a local artist to create a small memorial plaque made to honor Solveig Lark and her contribution to the arts in Loveland. The VAC was very favorable to the idea. Susan will continue to finalize details before a formal vote is taken.

- F. South Catalyst Wood, Susan Ison:** The wood from the trees removed for the South Catalyst project is available for a public art project. There was a short discussion about possible projects; some suggestions were benches or totem poles. It was determined that the best course of action would be to create an RFP to see what feedback we get from artists. In the meantime, Greg Hoff will find out the best way to store and protect the wood from the elements as the weather changes.

Staff Updates

- A. Casey at the Bat, Jennifer Cousino:** Jennifer met with Parks and Rec to determine possible places to relocate *Casey at the Bat*. Some of the possibilities suggested were:

- Current location and placing boulders in front of existing plinth.
- By the batting cages and playground stop sign
- Across the street from current location on grassy area along Cleveland
- South of the present location on the grassy knoll

Parks and Rec has offered to take care of the new landscaping around it. The VAC members will try to visit the sites this month to see what their opinion is. We will also consult with the artist to see if he has an opinion about where he would like to place it.

- B. Railroad Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison:** This project is on hold because of flood plain issues. It has potential to be a larger project than it currently is, so as information becomes available it will be shared with the artist and the VAC.

- C. Wilson Avenue Bridge, Susan Ison:** The bridge has been painted and *The Watchmen* are anticipated to be installed first thing tomorrow morning while the road is being closed off for other work on the bridge. Anyone who wishes is welcome to go down and see it installed.

- D. SCFD, Susan Ison:** The SCFD committee gathered over 335 petitions with 11,400 signatures on their petitions and will hear back on August 19th if there are enough valid signatures to get it on the ballot. Once cleared, the committee plans to make a social media campaign and advertising push to get the word out to the public.

- E. The Gathering, Susan Ison:** *The Gathering* has been moved and installed in its new location next to Lake Loveland. After a short discussion about how to recognize the artist and the piece, it was decided that we will send out a press release and invite the artist to the VAC Christmas party.

- F. Mountain Comrades, Susan Ison:** There is no new information about this. We are still waiting to hear back about the right of way.

- G. Yarn Bombing, Sara Turner:** There was discussion about what to do with all the extra yarn that people donated to the project. It was decided that because of the summer coming to a close, we would ask Jenni Dobson if she has any use for the yarn for a project. If she doesn't, it will be stored until spring and be used in a different project.

- H. Transformations, Kimber Kreutzer:** We are working on getting a finalized schedule for priming the boxes for the artists to paint.

It was decided that the box that has paint failure will have the top of the box primed and resealed to prevent further damage.

- I. LHPAC/VAC Social Gathering, Nancy Jakobsson:** The date discussed at the last VAC meeting for the social will not work with members of the LHPAC because of the Sculpture in the Park Show. They are still favorable to the idea at a later date. It was decided to coincide the social with the blockbuster show, *Picasso, Chagall, Matisse, Miro – A Collector's Vision* that is coming to the museum in the fall. Some possible dates that will be presented to the LHPAC for them to choose from are:

- Wednesday, September 21st
- Wednesday, September 28th

- Wednesday, October 12th

The Social will be a closed event in the evening and include food, beverages and a gallery talk about the art. Nancy will present the dates to the LHPAC and report back to the VAC at the next meeting. Once a date is settled on, a formal invitation will be made and sent out to all members of the VAC and LHPAC.

In addition, members of the VAC decided to take Greg up on his gracious offer to have a potluck dinner at his house on August 24th at 6:00. Commissioners are invited to bring a guest and a side dish or dessert to share with the group.

- J. Sculpture in the Park, Susan Ison:** The Sculpture in the Park show is on the weekend of August 12th. Also, the new address for the Public Art App will be cityofloveland.org/arttour.
- K. AIPP Facebook Page, Kimber Kreutzer:** Kimber met with Erica Lehman, the Marketing Coordinator at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, to discuss the legal guidelines of setting up the AIPP Facebook page. It should be up and public by the next meeting.

City Council Update

- There is a study session on Tuesday night for the 10 year capital budget and all are encouraged to attend.
- Looking at updating an outdated contract from 1947 regarding flying objects landing and taking off in Loveland.
- Trying to help incentivize infield development and redevelopment in the downtown zone on Highway 34.
- The DDA election is back on the ballot in November

Information Sharing

- The most recent renderings of the South Catalyst project were passed around.
- Broadway Bootcamp at the Rialto Theater has been a success for those who have participated.
- There is a spectacular exhibit at the Denver Art Museum showcasing Abstract Expressionism
- On September 15th at 4:00 there will be a bronze pour outside the Museum on 5th Street.

Adjournment

Citing no further VAC business, Maryjo Morgan moved to adjourn. Judy O’Gorman seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30. The length of the meeting was 1:30.