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LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION: REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 PM-REGULAR VAC BUSINESS

The February 2, 2017 VAC meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Nancy Jakobsson. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Bruce Gueswel, Greg Hoff, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan and Abbie Powers, Margie Rosborough, Sara Turner and Jade Windell. Absent: Judy O’Gorman. Also present were Staff Liaisons Susan Ison and Kimber Kreutzer. Sherri Heckel-Kuhlmann and Mac Juneau from the Loveland High Plains Arts Council, Artist Victor Issa, John Lark, and City Council liaison Leah Johnson.

Call Meeting to Order

- A. **Additions or Corrections to the February 2, 2017 meeting agenda:** Items L) Garfield Ave tree lawn and M) Chilson proposal were added under VAC Business
- B. **Additions or Corrections to the January 5, 2017 meeting minutes:** There were no corrections to the meeting minutes. Roger Clark moved to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes. Abbie Powers 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:** Sheri Heckel-Kuhlmann stated that she was very appreciative of the contractors who did the annual maintenance in Benson Park in 2016. She commented that they did a great job and would like to see them do the maintenance in 2017 as well.

VAC Business/Action Items

- A. **LHPAC 2017 Donations:** Sheri Heckel-Kuhlmann noted that she and Mac Juneau, from the LHPAC, were at the meeting to answer any questions about the 2017 donations. She also asked the VAC to waive second reading and approve the donations. Greg Hoff made a motion to accept the 2017 donations and waive the second reading; Abbie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The 2017 donations are:
 - a. *Frozen Moment* by Denis Kleine
 - b. *Amore* by Kim Kori
 - c. *Mountain Goat* by Ronald Lowery
 - d. *Intonation* by Scott Luken
- B. **Lark Memorial Plaque:** Artist Victor Issa unveiled the completed bas-relief (in clay) of the Solveig Lark memorial plaque. Mr. Issa shared that he worked closely with the Lark family to complete the final design. He also shared that Art Castings offered to cast the artwork at no charge. A placement decision will be forthcoming. John Lark thanked the commission and the artist for making this project a reality.
- C. **Budget:** The budget office anticipates an additional \$300,702 for 2017. Susan also explained there were very few encumbered items in the budget, which include the Taft Avenue Bridge and Railroad Avenue Bridge projects. Councilor Leah Johnson asked if money set aside for AIPP capital projects had to be used for that particular project and asked if it could be used for other endeavors. Roger Clark explained that there is an informal preference to use the money for specified projects, but no requirement. Some capital projects are not good sites for public art.
- D. **Retreat Date:** The commission selected March 11th and March 25th from 10-3 as possible dates. Susan will check with Leah Browder, Director of Public Works, to see if any of those dates would work since she was invited to attend the retreat as well.
- E. **Larimer County Building:** In response to the county’s request for art at the new facility, the VAC approved adding a TAAP 3D site there. Susan met with Ken Cooper and addressed concerns about the selection of the piece by inviting the County Commissioners to participate in the selection.
- F. **Appreciation event:** Roger Clark suggested that the event be held at The Rialto Theater, possibly in the lobby area. Susan will check with the Rialto manager to see if a weekday evening in May or June would work.

- G. Jim Digby photograph:** The VAC purchased the photograph *Waterfall Brainard Lake*, which had previously been on display in Senator Bennett's office in Washington DC for the last two years. The 2D rotation committee has been tasked to find a suitable location for the artwork.
- H. TAAP 2D:** Over 70 images were submitted for consideration. The 2017 selected artists are:
- a. Angela Canada Hopkins, *Cell No. 16*
 - b. Andy Schroetlin, *The Path to Enlightenment*
 - c. Lyse Dzija, *Après le Soiree*
 - d. Ruth Scott, *The Reader*
 - e. Julie Patton, *In to The Fray*
 - f. Lisa Dubois, *Press On*
 - g. Gordon Middleton, *Bryce Canyon #1*

Maryjo asked the commission to consider expanding the program to other areas in the City besides the library since the project has grown in popularity.

- I. International Sculpture Day-April 24, 2017:** Jade, Maryjo, Sara and Kimber offered to help with this year's International Sculpture Day activities. Sara offered Studio Vino as a possible location with the opportunity of local artists teaching a sculpture workshop.
- J. The Foundry:** Susan met with the landscape architect for the downtown Foundry Project who is amenable to having artwork be part of the project, specifically having an artist be involved with the stage design. In addition, it was requested that the VAC expand the Transformations Project to transformer boxes on the site as well as the 3D TAAP program. Sara made a motion to include all eligible transformer boxes at the Foundry in the Transformations program. Greg seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- K. Election of Officers:** Roger Clark made a motion that Abbie Powers be accepted as Chair and Maryjo Morgan as the Vice Chair of the Visual Arts Commission. Greg Hoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- L. Garfield Avenue Tree Lawn:** The Public Works department is doing work to create a tree lawn at the intersection of Garfield Ave and Lake Drive and asked if the 3D TAAP program could be expanded to include artwork at that location. Roger Clark made a motion to approve the request. Jade Windell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- M. Chilson Proposal:** Susan received a phone call from local artist Amelia Furman who does a good deal of work at the Chilson Center. After noticing that there are plenty of empty walls at the Chilson, she offered to create a piece of artwork, possibly working with children from the rec center. She offered to give a professional proposal to the VAC. The VAC would like Susan to meet with Chilson staff to seek their input on planning a piece there. Also, there was discussion regarding issuing an RFP so Ms. Furman and other artists have equal opportunity. The FAC is particularly interested in a work, which involves children in the creation of the piece.

Staff Updates

- A. 2D Rotation Committee Update:** Maryjo Morgan reported that the wheels are in motion to get the Roy Wilce triptych installed at the library. She will coordinate with Kimber to have the museum contractor select a date for installation.
- B. *Loving the Moment* by Kathleen Caricof:** Susan stated that the artist would be traveling to Loveland to work on the repair in the next few weeks. Discussion is ongoing about where the sculpture should be placed after the repairs are completed.
- C. *Mountain Comrades*:** Utility locates need to be completed prior to moving the sculpture to its proposed location in south Loveland.

- D. Membership Interviews:** Interviews were completed in January. Abbie Powers, Jade Windell and Bruce Gueswel are on the February 7th City Council agenda for approval.
- E. Public Art Manager Interviews:** Suzanne Janssen has accepted the position as the new Public Art Manager. Her starting date is February 16th.
- F. Boards and Commissions Summit:** The Boards and Commission meeting will be held on March 9, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Rialto Theater Center. Margie Rosborough and Judy O’Gorman will represent the VAC at this year’s summit.
- G. Art by Bike:** Katie Guthrie from Public Works has asked someone from AIPP to participate in an upcoming event for community members. Two bike “art tours” will be held in June. Kimber will attend the meeting on February 10, 2017.

City Council Update

Councilor Leah Johnson shared that the City Council recently approved preliminary funding for the Pullium Building. She also shared that the funding package for “The Foundry” project was approved during the January meeting. Groundbreaking for “The Foundry” is expected in March 2017. Improvements on 1-25, Hwy 34, Colorado Hwy 402, and the new police-training institute are upcoming projects being discussed by Council. Finally, she reported that the Council retreat held at the end of January was constructive and positive.

Information Sharing

Sara Turners shared that Loveland startup week will be held April 6-8, 2017, they are actively looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

Roger Clark invited the Commissioners to Generations restaurant following the meeting to celebrate his last meeting with the VAC.

Nancy Jacobson and the entire commission thanks Roger Clark for his years of service on the Visual Arts Commission.

Adjournment

Citing no further business, Greg Hoff motioned to adjourn. Roger Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:45. The length of the meeting was 1:45.

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