

# CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

4:30 PM

### LOVELAND MUSEUM

503 N Lincoln Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537

#### **I. Call Meeting to Order**

The March 6, 2019 meeting of the Cultural Services Board was called to order at 4:31pm by Libby Skowron in the upstairs conference room of the Loveland Museum.

**Board Members Present:** Geraldine Amat, Juanita Cisneros, Dr. Dierdre Cook, Heather Fortin Rubald, Kris Ortmann, Libby Skowron, and Cornelia Winters. Christopher Rae, alternate, was also present.

**Staff Present:** John Fogle, City Council Liaison; Susan Ison, Cultural Services Director; Steve Lemmon, Rialto Theater Center Manager; and Tegan Hollen, Business Services Specialist.

**Guests Present:** Steve Adams, City Manager; and Suzanne Janssen, Public Art Manager.

#### **Additions or Changes to the Agenda**

The *CIP – Citizen Task Force* and *Rialto Report* agenda items were moved to earlier in the meeting.

#### **Additions or Changes to the February 6, 2019 Minutes**

There were no additions or changes to the minutes.

#### **Approval of the February 6, 2019 Minutes**

Kris motioned to approve the minutes. Juanita seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **II. Agenda Items**

### **Board Reports**

**CSB Accomplishments Update** – Kris reviewed the activities that CSB members participated in since the last meeting.

**2019 Goals** – Kris presented a final draft of the goals for approval by the Board. Dierdre motioned to approve the goals. Cornelia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Moving forward, Heather suggested that the Board review the goals in November or December in order to make edits for the coming year. The rest of the Board responded positively to the suggestion.

**Event Coordination: City Departments/Foundry** – Kris asked about the coordination of events such as film screenings and concerts between City Departments and The Foundry/Downtown Development Authority. She is concerned about the possible duplication of efforts. Steve L. spoke about the event coordinator meetings

that take place quarterly between the Library, Parks and Recreation, and Cultural Services aimed at avoiding such issues. Steve L. also has started meeting with the Loveland Downtown Partnership/DDA to make sure programming at the Rialto and The Foundry does not overlap.

## Cultural Services Department Reports

**City Manager Visit – Steve Adams** – Steve A. introduced himself to the Board and then reviewed the Boards and Commissions survey conducted by his office in 2017 and 2018. In addition to asking board and commission members for their overall rating of board and commission related processes, the survey also invited members to provide suggestions for improvement. The results are being compiled and will be presented to City Council. Three Cultural Services Board members submitted responses to the survey. The Board discussed these responses and decided they would like for more members to submit feedback before the results are shared with City Council. Steve A. will send the survey again and return to a future Board meeting to discuss the results. Additionally, Steve A. invited the Board to review their roles and duties as outlined in the Municipal Code and determine if changes need to be made. These changes, if any, would also be presented to City Council for approval.

Suzanne asked a clarifying question about the Boards and Commissions attendance policy.

**CIP – Citizen Task Force** – Geraldine, Heather, and Steve A. spoke about the Community Improvement Plan citizen task force meeting held on February 20, 2019. This meeting picked up where previous CIP task force efforts left off, focusing on the community survey that will be conducted by mail and phone in late March and early April. This survey is aimed at gathering public opinion about the proposed CIP projects such as the Museum expansion. If approved for the ballot, the CIP initiative language will be drafted in August. After this point, City departments and staff are prohibited from participating in efforts to support the initiative.

**Public Art Update – Suzanne Janssen** – Suzanne spoke about current and upcoming Art in Public Places projects as well as other news:

- *The Foundry Parking Garage* – The Visual Arts Commission (VAC) awarded The Foundry Parking Garage project to the artist Daas for his mural design concept titled *My Favorite Things*. Preparation and painting is expected to begin in late May or early June 2019 and continue for 35 - 40 days.
- *Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park* – Three artists presented their sculptural design concepts for the newly re-opened Viestenz-Smith Mountain Park at the February 7, 2019 VAC meeting. Of those who presented, artist and professor DeWitt Godfrey was awarded the commission. This artwork, currently untitled, will be a high corten (weathering steel) wall with seating in the middle.
- *Police Regional Training Institute* – Artist Mark Aeling was selected by the public artwork boards of Loveland and Fort Collins to develop site-specific artwork for the exterior of the Police Regional Training Institute, which is expected to begin construction in fall 2019. Mark will develop concepts that are fabricated from durable outdoor materials, will be visible along Boyd Lake Avenue, and will enhance the overall aesthetics of the Institute.
- *Downtown Event Power Cabinet* – The Visual Arts Commission, in partnership with the City's Water and Power Department, installed artist Mark Leichliter's *Legacy* on the downtown event power cabinet in late January 2019. The piece is a 55" x 52" stainless steel art panel featuring the silhouette of an electrical lineman, a tribute to the workers who brought power to the city.
- *The Art Advocacy Project (TAAP) 2D and 3D* – The following local artists were chosen for the 2019 TAAP 2D project:
  - Diane DeVries
  - Jim Digby
  - Julie Patton
  - Molly Freeman

- Sandra Gisonti

This artwork was installed in the Loveland Library's Galleria during the last week of February 2019. In early June, nine sculptures will be installed along 4th Street for the TAAP 3D outdoor sculpture exhibit. The artwork selection panel narrowed the submissions down to sculptures by the following artists, which will be on-loan for one year:

- Luke Achterberg
- Jacob Burmood
- Reno Carollo
- Kendra Fleischman
- Linda Johnson
- Joe Norman
- Jacob Novinger
- Jade Windell
- Joni Younkins-Herzog

- *Loveland Housing Authority: Sam Betters' Service Recognition Sculpture* – Three Loveland sculptors submitted proposals for a bronze sculpture, in honor of Sam Betters' 40+ years of community service, to be installed in front of the Loveland Housing Authority. A jury, comprised of Sam Betters and members of the Loveland Housing Authority, selected *Community* by artist Kendra Fleischman. The sculpture will be cast at Loveland's Bronze Services foundry and installation is expected in fall 2019.
- *Loveland Creative District* – The community meetings to gather feedback about pursuing Creative District certification for Loveland are almost done. The last meeting will take place at the Museum on March 9, 2019. Each of these meetings has a presentation and discussion component.
- *International Sculpture Day: April 24, 2019*
  - *Proclamation, State of the Art Event, and Youth Sculpture Workshop* – International Sculpture Day will take place on April 24, 2019. To celebrate, Art in Public Places and the Visual Arts Commissions plan to have a proclamation read at City Council, a *State-of-the Art* event that will share AIPP project information with the public as well as offer a presentation by local artists, and a youth sculpture workshop at Studio Vino.

**Rialto Theater Center Report** – Steve L. spoke about current and upcoming performances and events at the Rialto Theater Center as well as other news:

- *Ticketing Fees* – Rialto rental partners have been informed that they must incorporate fees in the ticket price on advertising going forward. This policy change was made in response to an issue with the Mountain Film on Tour event and is aimed at alleviating confusion for patrons when they buy tickets at the box office.
- *Henry's Pub Cleanup* – The owners of Henry's Pub have told Steve L. they are still waiting for better access to the alley to clean the grease on the Rialto building. Councilor Fogle encouraged Steve L. to emphasize that the building's historical status should be taken into account when cleanup finally begins. This status may require special considerations when determining cleaning supplies and future damage prevention.
- *Concert Series* – Steve L. provided the Board with sponsorship information for the Rialto Summer Concerts and the new Trailhead Sessions concert series. Kaiser Permanente is no longer able to support the summer concerts. Steve L. is currently looking for new sponsors and asked for the Board to assist in the search. Juanita noted that the current Summer Concert schedule does not include a salsa or Latin performance as it has in previous years, and asked Steve L. to consider scheduling one in the future.

**Pulliam** – In Susan's absence, Tegan explained that the next phase of the Pulliam Building renovation has begun, kicking off with a groundbreaking event on February 22, 2019. The building is now closed for renovations. Steve L. spoke about meeting with the Facilities Department to discuss technical equipment recommendations for theater and musical performances in the building. Funding will be the largest factor in

acting on these recommendations so discussion will continue. Members of the Board discussed writing a letter in support of these recommendations being considered as the renovation moves forward.

**Cultural Master Plan** – Susan met with Jill Stilwell, Stilwell Cultural Consulting, this week to review the latest draft of the Cultural Services Master Plan. The draft will go through one more round of editing based on new feedback received. Jill still intends to have the plan finished in March.

**Winter Holiday Council** – The Loveland Winter Holiday Council is a non-profit group that funds the lighted decorations in Dwayne Webster Park during the holidays each year. Recently, the Holiday Council asked for support from the City to help continue offering the decorations. A committee was formed to explore options for supporting the current Winter Holiday Council decorations or making changes to help make the tradition sustainable. This committee, of which Susan is a member, met on February 28, 2019 to discuss various ideas. Susan shared one proposal that would move the display from the park to the Civic Center and commission local artists to create the decorations each year. The Board briefly discussed and were supportive of the idea.

**Tour de Pants** – At the January meeting, Mike Perry, Loveland Historical Society President, invited the Board to have an outreach table at the upcoming Tour de Pants event on May 4, 2019 from 10am – 2pm. The event will take place at the Milner-Schwarz House in Loveland near Fairgrounds Park. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to accept the invitation. Tegan will get more details from Mike about the event and bring the information to the April meeting.

**Poet Laureate Proclamation** – The committee coordinating the Loveland Poet Laureate Program has asked City Council to issue a proclamation at their April 2, 2019 meeting to name Veronica Patterson the program's first honoree. The event celebrating Veronica will take place at the Rialto on May 19, 2019 at 4pm.

### **City Council Report**

Councilor Fogle offered an update about specific items being considered by City Council as well as City Council news:

- *Upcoming City Council Meeting* – Councilor Fogle encouraged the Board to take note of the agenda for the March 19, 2019 meeting for news regarding the Museum expansion.

### **Miscellaneous**


- *Outreach Materials* – Tegan provided various Cultural Services outreach materials to the Board and encouraged them to share them with the community.

**NEXT CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Loveland Museum upstairs conference room.

### **III. Adjournment**

The Cultural Services Board meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Libby Skowron, Cultural Services Board Chair

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