

CULTURAL SERVICES BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday June 28, 2011

4:30 P.M.

LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY

503 N. Lincoln Ave.

Loveland, CO 80537

I. The June 28, 2011 meeting of the Cultural Services Board was called to order at 4:39 p.m. by Chairperson Kris Ortmann in the Upstairs Conference Room of the Loveland Museum/Gallery.

Board members present: Juanita Cisneros, Dena Kirk, Kerri McDermid, Kris Ortmann, Peggy Schwarz and Rose Watson. Absent was Jan DesJardin. Also present was City Councilor Kent Solt, staff liaisons Susan Ison and Jan Sawyer; staff, Kim Akeley-Charron, Jennifer Cousino and Mary Shada.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

The Concierge Report was moved to earlier in the agenda and an additional item, Colorado Creative Industries Grant, was added under Museum Reports.

Additions or Corrections/Changes to the May 24, 2011 Minutes

There were no additions, corrections or changes made.

Approval of the May 24, 2011 Minutes

Peggy Schwarz motioned to accept the minutes. Juanita Cisneros seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Visitors

Boy Scouts Trent Steege and Tyler Berwick were present to fulfill a Communications requirement to receive their Merit badges.

Public Comments

There were no public comments at the May meeting.

II. Agenda Items

Board Reports

Kris Ortmann asked Rialto Manager Jan Sawyer about view holes at the Rialto Bridge site. Jan reported that there are currently two view holes – one a little high and one a little low so she has asked the contractor to add another more eye level hole. Artist Ali Almquist gave Susan Ison a proposal to paint a community mural on the wall separating the site from the sidewalk.

Kris Ortmann reported that Missoula Children's Theater performance at the Rialto on June 25, 2011 and the Tuesday Theater for Kids story telling program on June 28, 2011 with Santemu were both wonderful! Kris also reported that the new Horse exhibit at the Museum/Gallery is a great combination

of art work. Appreciation was shared for Rose Watson's letter on June 15, 2011 to the editor of the Loveland Reporter-Herald supporting downtown Loveland.

Juanita Cisneros asked about the possibility of seeing the *Jesus Portrait* painted by artist Enrique Chagoya recently given to the Resurrection Fellowship Church. The Cultural Services staff has been invited by Pastor Jonathan Wiggins to see it on Wednesday June 29, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Susan Ison invited the Cultural Services Board members to join the staff. She said that she would ask Pastor Wiggins if the Board could come as a group to view the painting at 4:30 on July 26, 2011 at the church and then proceed to the museum for the CSB meeting.

Museum Reports

Jennifer Cousino expressed gratitude from Jenni Dobson and herself for CSB members Peggy Schwarz, Rose Watson, Kerri McDermid and Kris Ortmann's help with the June 23, 2011 Horse Celebration.

Cherry Pie Celebration – Jennifer Cousino asked for assistance from the CSB members for the July 23, 2011 Cherry Pie Celebration. There will be a committee meeting July 6, 2011 at 5:00 in the upstairs Museum/Gallery conference room. Peggy Schwarz volunteered to be a judge for the pie baking contest and Juanita Cisneros volunteered to photograph each of the pies. Kristen Browning Blas, food editor with the Denver Post, will also be judging pies. Kim Akeley-Charron reported that the Eye Center of Northern Colorado donated \$500 for the event. The Colorado Cherry Company may also partner in the event.

Concierge Report – Kim Akeley-Charron presented a follow up report about the "News You Can Use" Training for local Concierge hotel staff held April 19, 2011. The training included tours of downtown Loveland, Art Castings Foundry, Rialto Theater and the Museum/Gallery. Presentations were given by Cultural Services, Parks & Recreation, Library, Office of Creative Sector Development, Engaging Loveland and Centerra. Mountain View High School Nutrition Services donated the brown bag lunch. Attached to these minutes are the survey results from the nineteen participants who attended the training. Kim expressed that this training provided a good blueprint for other possible hospitality trainings about downtown Loveland and what is available for visitors.

Museum Expansion – Susan Ison informed the CSB that the Brinkman proposal to purchase the land north of the museum (current Sequel building) would be presented at the Loveland City Council study session June 28, 2011. This proposal could shift the future museum expansion to the south. There was discussion among CSB members about potential storage sites for museum items currently being housed in the Sequel building as well as where the Fire Exhibit and classrooms would move. In planning for a future study session with the Council regarding Museum expansion, City Manager Bill Cahill suggested to Susan Ison that a request be made for an allocation from CEF funding to proceed with the next step in the planning process.

Lone Tree School Ice Cream Social – Jennifer Cousino reported that the Lone Tree School Ice Cream Social went well, though the weather was cool. This social is being considered for an annual event.

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District – The Executive Director of Beet Street, who was one of the committee members for the SCFD, resigned. Susan Ison is meeting with the interim director in the next two weeks.

Horse Exhibit - Susan Ison said the Horse Exhibit has had a good response. The Horse Celebration on June 23, 2011 and artist Jozef Sumichrast's talk on June 25, 2011 went well.

Colorado Creative Industries Grant – Kim Akeley-Charron reported that \$8,500.00 was received from Colorado Creative Industries for the summer 2012 Homeless Exhibit.

Rialto Reports – Jan Sawyer

Rialto Bridge Update - Groundbreaking for the Rialto Bridge Project was held on June 1, 2011. Work on the caissons for the foundation is going slower than expected. The contractor has been very cooperative with the Rialto's schedule by ceasing the loud noises during programs. Asbestos remediation will begin July 11, 2011 from underneath the Rialto and continue for about five weeks. City employees will also be preparing to move the concessions stand. The Theater will stay in operation during this time.

Grimm Brothers Brewery, new to Loveland, committed to brewing a special beer for the Rialto Bridge Grand Opening.

Events – The Rialto held 36 events in June 2011. Several events are scheduled for July including an "Up In Lights" production of *The Sound of Music* and the Larimer County Workforce Center's graduation ceremony.

Miscellaneous Items

Susan Ison brought the newly released *Loveland 365* book with many tags in it that related to the Cultural Services Department.

Kerri McDermid was acknowledged for the fabulous photos she has been taking of Cultural Services events.

Next Cultural Services Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the Loveland Museum/Gallery Upstairs Conference Room.

III. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Peggy Schwarz at 5:25 p.m. Rose Watson seconded the motion. All approved the motion.