

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2011 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
HELD 5:00 P.M. AT THE
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The December 8, 2011 Visual Arts Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Andrew Svedlow. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Angela Canada-Hopkins, Margie Rosborough, Nancy Jakobsson, Alyson Kinkade, Josh Emrich, Andrew Svedlow and Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann. Ken Cooper (Facilities Manager), Councilman Phil Farley , and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen were also present. Citizens present: Leadership Loveland class member (Bruce Bates); Reporter-Herald news reporter, Jessica Benes.

Additions or corrections to the December, 2010 agenda: New Auction Purchases, GIS Beta Site, 2012 Transformations Project, *Water & Power* sculpture by Mark Leichliter LED Lights

Additions or corrections to the November 10, 2011 minutes: None noted

Approval of the minutes of the November 10, 2011 minutes: Roger motioned to accept the minutes as written. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed 8 ayes; 1 abstention.

Action Items

Fire Station #6: Ken Cooper distributed a drawing of Fire Station #6 (at McWhinney-Hahn Boulevard) which will be expanded to allow for additional Fire employees from Station #4. In 2012, the building will be expanded by 4,000 feet by the Belford Watkins Architectural team. Roughly \$700,000 is the construction budget; \$7,000 will be applied to the Art in Public Places budget. Currently, the Ballinger Bell Tower is at that site.

Susan reported that Chief Randy Mirowski indicated that a new fire station will be built (in 2014) at the southwest corner of Wilson Avenue and 29th Street. It was determined that since the AIPP funds will be quite limited for the Station #6 expansion, that \$7,000 will be applied to the new station fire station when built. Doing so will allow for a larger work, in a more visible location. Other artwork (perhaps a painting) could be considered in the more public area of Station #6, if appropriate.

The commission thanked Ken Cooper for providing the commission with the construction information so far in advance.

Ken also thanked Alyson Kinkade (National Sculptors' Guild) for the installations which have taken place at the Loveland Public Library during the past few weeks.

2012 Transformations Project: The subcommittee met prior to the VAC meeting and had the following recommendations:

- The Call for Entry be open to northern Colorado artists (defined as Longmont north)
- The proposed theme will be "Loveland: Where Arts and Science Meet"

- 10 Cabinets: Three sites already determined: In front of Art Castings, behind the Rialto Theater and west 8th Street (at the old hospital); the other 7 locations will be determined within the next 4 months
- A representative of the buildings above will be asked to assist with the selection process
- Deadline for submission bumped to the first week in May

Roger motioned to accept the recommendations as presented. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Auction Purchases: Two successful auction purchases were made in November:

Dark Eclipse by Louise Nevelson: This sculpture has been delivered and unpacked. It was stored in the Collections Area to undergo an initial condition report.

Weathervane by George Warren Rickey: A handout containing a photo and auction lot information distributed to commission. The Rickey artwork will be shipped shortly.

Andrew provided a brief background on the Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden for meeting visitors.

2012 Elections Nomination Subcommittee: Suzanne reviewed methods by which the commission has chosen officers in the past and asked the commission the process by which they preferred to handle nominations for 2012. Roger recommended that a nominations subcommittee be formed of at least 2 people, who bring back recommendations in January. Roger, Angela and Nancy will serve on this subcommittee. Commissioners wishing to serve as officers were encouraged to let the nomination subcommittee know their willingness to serve.

Interviews Update: Applicant interviews will be place the following week. Presently, there are three vacancies and five applicants.

Mehaffey Park: A workshop to discuss design plans for Mehaffey Park will be held on December 15th. Susan indicated that Gary Havener has agreed to serve on the jury panel for the artwork. Additionally, Susan was able to reconnect with Danielle Miller (the original artist for *The Grove*) through Facebook. Danielle is honored that the commission plans to reinstall *The Grove* at this new setting, and will offer recommendations for Parks Department and Visual Arts Commission consideration.

Suzanne reported that Janet Meisel-Burns called to notify her that the federal funds awarded for the Highway 287 Underpass project were not eligible for disbursement into the AIPP fund. Therefore the \$26,000 spent for this project was paid from general AIPP funds. It is understood that the commission may take this into consideration when reviewing plans for Mehaffey Park.

AIMS Mural: A revised contract was forwarded to the AIMS Community College Legal Department. Additional revisions by AIMS are likely, but are not anticipated until January.

Rialto Theater Artwork Update by David Griggs:

- The stairwell railing will be the first installation, just before Christmas.

- The terrazzo flooring will begin installation on December 27th
- The chandelier lighting has been delivered. Installation will take place soon.
- Final measurements for the art glass have been forwarded to the manufacturer in Chicago.
- The drywall process will begin in about 4 weeks.

Chilson Center Artwork by Airworks Studio: Installation of *Bubble* and *Splash* has been completed. (Photos of the installation process were provided to commissioners during the process.) Minor tweaks to the artwork will be completed within the next two weeks. Keven Aggers and Suzanne will sign off on the final installation once these changes are made.

Highway 34/-25 Interchange Project: Frank Hempen has not received word back from CDOT on the proposed Request for Proposals. An update will occur once feedback is received.

Public Library Artwork Update: In addition to the installation of 5 paintings for the series titles, *River Tracks* by Alyson Kinkade (November 29th), the black granite sculpture, *Falling Water II* by Kathleen Caricof, was installed December 7th. Photos of the new Library artwork installations were shared. The *Falling Water Mobile* is expected to be installed by December 21st. Alyson will install the final 6 paintings for *River Tracks* in mid-January once the main hallway wall is constructed.

The formal dedication for the Public Library and Chilson Center artwork will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

2012 Meeting Dates: Meeting dates were distributed. Andrew will attend the VAC meeting in January and will remain on-board until the new commissioners are appointed.

City Council Update

Councilman Farley reported the following:

- The Brinkman Project to the north of the Museum, if approved by City Council, is estimated to break ground June 1, 2012.
- The liquor license for the new restaurant to open in the Rialto Theater Center (Bridge) was approved by City Council. This tapas restaurant will be called, “Next Door” restaurant. Catering in that building is open to any caterer desired.
- The expansion of the Loveland Museum/Gallery will be a topic of the City Council Study Session on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. All are encouraged to attend and/or watch on television.

GIS Beta Site: Suzanne asked Alyson and Angela for assistance proofing the GIS/public art beta site. Once proofed, the site can go “live.”

Water & Power sculpture by Mark Leichter: Gretchen Stanford asked for feedback about the LED lighting of the sculpture, and whether or not the Power Department should purchase the lights for future use. Yellow and blue LED lights were of interest to one commissioner. Roger motioned to recommend the purchase of the lights and approve future lighting of the sculpture

(provided the artist does not object). Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The lighting vendor, Bright Christmas, was also responsible for decorating downtown.

Information Sharing:

- Suzanne distributed several arts-related news articles.
- Roger commented on how beautiful the Rialto Theater Center looked during the Volunteer Appreciation Event held on December 7th. Roger also indicated that he and Angela would be presenting the AIPP power point the following week to a Loveland Rotary Club.
- Nancy commented positively on Suzanne’s interview with NOCO Link available to view on YouTube.
- Councilman Farley requested an estimate on the lighting formerly considered for the Rialto Theater Center’s Community Room. The Community Foundation has reached their fundraising goals and may be interested in purchasing some of the art elements omitted from David Griggs’ original design plans.
- Renovation Tales (Public Library publication) highlighted artist Scott Freeman, who was recently chosen to complete an historic mural on the second floor of the Library expansion project.
- Artist Megan Tracy will place 15 handmade luminaries outside of the Museum/Gallery during the December 9th Night on the Town.
- In addition to multiple events and the Museum/Gallery and other Night on the Town activities, two popup galleries will be held downtown on December 9th.
- Andrew mentioned that two Loveland artists have shows opening in Denver on Friday, December 9th: Travis Erion is opening at the Woodall Gallery in Cherry Creek. Andrew has a piece of artwork in the rotunda of the Capitol Building as part of the Creative Industries Visual Arts in Higher Education exhibition. Andrew also has an artist blog on AndrewSvedlow.com, which includes additional artist reviews and exhibition information.

Adjournment: Citing no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Guests were invited to attend the holiday gathering immediately following the meeting.

Meeting length: 40 minutes