

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 10, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM
5:00 P.M.**

The November 10th Visual Arts Commission meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Andrew Svedlow. Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Josh Emrich, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Alyson Kinkade, Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann, Margie Rosborough, and Andrew Svedlow. Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Councilwoman Joan Shaffer and staff liaisons Susan Ison and Suzanne Janssen were also present. Josh Emrich reported his absence earlier in the day.

Additions or corrections to the November 10th, 2011 agenda: Additions: Hung Liu Staff Reports: Sculpture Purchase; Two announcements

Additions or corrections to the October 6th, 2011 minutes: Roger noted: Page 2 Review of acquisition policy: Rather than say the VAC abdicated final approval of revisions, he felt it should read "authorized the subcommittee to make the final revisions/approval of the changes."

Approval of the minutes: Roger motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. Sherri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizens present to comment on VAC business.

Announcements: Mayor Gutierrez introduced new Councilman Phil Farley who will serve as the City Council liaison to the Visual Arts Commission. The Mayor thanked the commission for the work done throughout the year and expressed his pleasure having served as liaison for the past several years. Councilman Farley expressed his pleasure at joining the commission. Introductions were made.

Andrew announced that, after serving 6 years on the commission, he opted to not reapply for another term as commissioner. December will be his last formal meeting.

Action Items/Commissioner Reports

AIMS Mural: Contract: The President of AIMS relayed to Marcie Erion that, although they have no present plans to sell the present building, they cannot guarantee the building will not be sold within the 10-year time limit set by the commission. Commissioners discussed the restriction/risk of the financial commitment (\$5,000). Roger moved to continue to fund the mural project without the guarantee that the mural remain in place for at least 10 years. Nancy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Updating Collection and Relocations: Dates for subcommittee is needed

Subcommittee Meeting Dates

- TAAP: (Also 2-D element): Sherri, Margie, Angela and Nancy served on the 2011 subcommittee. All agreed to continue to serve in 2012. A date for the planning meeting is needed.
- Transformations Project: Alyson, Roger, Lynn and Josh served on the 2011 subcommittee. Roger, Margie and Lynn committed to serving in 2012. Suzanne will confirm Josh's interest in serving on the subcommittee. Suzanne asked commissioners to contemplate location and whether or not a theme would be used in 2012. *This subcommittee will meet at 4:30 p.m. before the December 8th meeting.*

Hug Liu (artist of The Martyr and The Maiden): Susan reported that Hung Liu's mother has passed away and the artist may be available to host a lecture/visit.

III. Staff/Commissioner Reports/Updates

Sculpture Purchase: Doug (on behalf of the Visual Arts Commission) was awarded the high bid for a stone bust (titled, *Singing Head*) by well-known African American sculptor, Elizabeth Catlett. The purchase, including fees and shipping, was \$10,000. The Loveland Museum/Gallery Sculpture Garden was explained to Councilman Farley.

Rialto Bridge Project: Susan reported the following:

- The stairs are completed. A sample stair railing was received and approved.

- The windows of the building will be installed by November 15th.
- David has refined the palette for the terrazzo floor samples. (Color printouts were distributed.)
- The chandelier light pads have been received and will be delivered when the contractor is ready.
- The art glass manufacturer is ready to begin the project pending final dimensions of the finished space to ensure proper fit.

Councilman Farley added that his fundraising efforts for the Rialto Project on behalf of the Community Foundation have been very successful and are almost at their goal. Efforts will continue to establish an endowment for the operations and maintenance of the Rialto Bridge, and purchase additional artwork for the facility. Images of the artwork will be shared with the Reporter-Herald as available to celebrate every milestone with this community investment.

Chilson Center Expansion: An end of November installation is still the intentions. Suzanne will be visiting the studio on Friday, November 9th.

I-25/Highway 34 Interchange/CDOT Feedback: There is no update on this item.

New Policies Brochure: The new “Handbook of Guidelines” was designed beautifully and gratitude was expressed to Josh (Tenfold Collective) for his wonderful work. There will be minor revisions made and credits will be added before the next printing. All commissioners were given their copy of the guidelines. The handbook is available online for other cities to view.

A Friend Indeed by Dan Ostermiller Plinth Repair: Ken Williams will replace the present plinth until early spring, pending warmer weather. The plinth for *Double Header* by Kent Ullberg will likely be replaced at that same time due to cracking mortar.

Water & Power by Mark Lechlitter: Holiday lighting of the sculpture is being finalized.

Water Carriers has burned out due to the sediment and cattail refuse being pulled into the pipeline. Suzanne met with Dave Bothell to discuss solutions. Dave recommended that the water level at the detention pond will be lowered so the problem can be better identified. It is likely that a new pipe can be buried in rock, which should filter the sediment.

Loveland Public Library: Everything is on track for end of November installation.

December Meeting/Holiday Gathering: Lynn offered to host the holiday gathering at her house. There is a possibility the Rialto Theater will have tours of the theater that evening, as well. An update will be sent through email once plans are finalized.

City Council Report: Councilwoman Shaffer will no longer serve as the alternate Council liaison. She enjoyed her tenure and would like to remain on the VAC distribution list. Mayor Gutierrez thanked Andrew and everyone involved with the City Council presentation on October 18th. Councilman Farley reiterated his interest and pleasure in working with the Visual Arts Commission.

Information Sharing:

- Angela reported that Roger did a wonderful job presenting the Art in Public Places Program information to the Rotary Clubs in October.
- Susan distributed information for the Portrait of the Artist exhibit opening on November 19th. This exhibit was juried by Kyle MacMillan, Art Critic for the Denver Post.
- 5280 Magazine features Angela’s artwork in November.
- Angela noticed Ft. Collins is decorating manhole covers. Susan added that she purchased a book titled, *Drainspotting*, highlighting artistic manhole covers in Japan.
- Mayor Gutierrez toured art hotspots in Loveland with CU Denver students.
- The next Artists’ Collective meeting will be on Monday, November 28th at 6:30 p.-m. at the Pulliam Building.

Adjournment: Sherri motioned to adjourn. Andrew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners were encouraged to attend the Artspace brainstorming meeting being held concurrently in the auditorium of the Museum/Gallery.

Meeting length: 43 minutes