

**CITY OF LOVELAND VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013
5:00 p.m. LOVELAND MUSEUM/GALLERY CONFERENCE ROOM**

The April 11th, 2013 VAC meeting was officially called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Sherri Heckel Kuhlmann. VAC Commissioners present: Roger Clark, Greg Hoff, Angela Canada Hopkins, Nancy Jakobsson, Maryjo Morgan, Judy O’Gorman and Margie Rosborough. City Councilman Phil Farley, Assistant City Manager Rod Wensing and staff liaison Suzanne Janssen were also present.

Preliminary Matters

Additions or corrections to the April 11, 2013 meeting agenda: Additions: None Staff Updates: None
Correction to March 7, 2013 meeting minutes: None cited. Roger moved to accept the minutes as written. Nancy seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Citizen Comments: There were no citizens present to comment on Art in Public Places business.

VAC Business/Action Items

A. Subcommittee Recommendations for *The Art Advocacy Project, Downtown Sculpture*: Angela reported the jury process used for the artwork selection process. Images for the six diverse finalists and two alternates were shown. Finalists presented were:

- a. *Wild Kingdom* by Dale Montagne (mixed metal and stained glass)
- b. *Lady Catrina* by Victoria Patti (steel)
- c. *Wearing Thin* by Jane DeDecker (bronze)
- d. *Music Inside II* by Maureen Hearty (aluminum and steel)
- e. *Infinity 3* by John Wilbar (fiberglass, acrylic, stucco and paint)
- f. *Flag No. 2* by Robert Howard (metal)

Margie moved to accept the TAAP subcommittee meeting recommendations as presented. Maryjo second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Mountain Comrades* by Dan Ostermiller – Proposed donation by Gary and Judy Long: Second Reading: There was no feedback received from the legal notice which ran in the Loveland Reporter-Herald. Second reading on the motion to accept the proposed donation/purchase *Mountain Comrades* at \$65,000 (to be placed at Third and Lincoln Avenue, then moved to the Service Center expansion site) passed unanimously.

C. *The Crazy Stairs* by Mira Bartell: New Location: This sculpture was removed due to the impending construction at the corner of Sixth Street and Lincoln Avenue and is presently in storage. Commissioners were asked to consider a new location for the sculpture. This item will be addressed at the May meeting.

D. City Council Meeting – May 7, 2013: Commissioners reviewed and provided feedback on the subcommittee’s proposed May 7th presentation, which includes an AIPP overview, 2012 projects and 2013-2014 projects. Sherri will cover the introductory section, followed by Roger (2012 items) and Suzanne (2013-2014 projects). Information regarding the current number of artworks, number of cities with public art programs, public participation and strong public/private partnerships will be discussed. The number and importance of donations will also be addressed.

Staff Updates

A. *The Grove* by Danielle Miller and Roger Clark: Twelve cherry trees will be replanted for *Grove* on Saturday, April 13th at 9:00 a.m. The Youth Advisory Commission will be assisting with this project.

B. *Madison Avenue Underpass Railing*: Due to concerns over maintenance issues, Tim’s initial designs were not accepted by the Parks Department. It was recommended by Gary Havener that perhaps the AIPP monies not be used on the railing. Commissioners expressed continued interest in having art at the site. Subcommittee members (Roger and Maryjo) will meet with the project team to discuss more low maintenance artwork options for that site.

C. **TAAP 2013: 3rd and Lincoln "Showcase" Site:** Artist submissions were reviewed and, pending review of images and references, local artist Sandi Nelson was identified for that project.

D. **I25/Highway 34 Interchange:** Strong interest has been expressed in this project. The commissioners will review a culled down list of submissions at the next regular meeting. A submission must have "yes" or "maybe" votes on CAFE in order to be considered at that meeting.

E. **Service Center Expansion Project:** Andy Dufford attended the Service Center open house and met the design team. Initial design concepts will be provided mid to late summer.

F. **Fire Station #2 Expansion Project:** The artist will meet with the design team on April 18th. At the March design team meeting, Suzanne was concerned that an artistic direction (specifically a 911 memorial) seemed to have been settled on. This is different from the way the subcommittee – with the fire department's input and participation – had approached the selection process. Suzanne shared with the design team that the artist was hired to interpret the site. Suzanne will clarify direction with Fire staff and the artist.

City Council Update

The following items were addressed by Councilman Farley.:

- Fracking: The City approved fracking in Loveland (using enhanced regulations) by a 5:4 vote. A study session regarding an anti-fracking ban to be placed on an upcoming ballot will also be presented.
- Clarification reached between Loveland and Johnstown re growth areas. Discussion will continue.
- Financial news for the City is good. Sales tax income over 9% of projections. Expenditures are 30% lower than anticipated.
- Community Health Center and Sunrise have merged to buy the old Hewlett-Packard Building. The Community Health Center will be vacating their present site soon.
- Police staffing increases

A slide show of images taken for the *Foundations: A Journey through American Sculpture* was shared.

Handouts: Updated AIPP Budget 2013

Length of Meeting: 1:49