

LITTLETON FINE ARTS BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings

March 18, 2021

Present: Carol Ackerman
Molly Blakley
Carolyn Bradish - Vice Chair
David Goldstein
Lance Johnson
Jessica Kirk - Chair
Joni Lieb
Karina Elrod, City Council Liaison

Absent: None

Also Present: Jennifer Hankinson, Curator of Collections
Tim Nimz, Director of Littleton Museum
Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Determining that a quorum was present, Vice Chair Carolyn Bradish called the meeting to order via Zoom at 6:34 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

II. Minutes of February 2021

Ms. Ackerman made a MOTION to accept the minutes from the February 2021 meeting as presented. Ms. Blakely seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Bradish, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirk, Lieb

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

III. City Council Liaison Report

- A. Ms. Elrod reported on the City Council meeting held Tuesday, March 16, 2021. Council reviewed funding received from Arapahoe County Open Space for Reynolds Landing and the possibility of utilizing leftover funding and partnering with them for other big projects specifically three parks Ida, Berry and South Bridge all of which need major upgrades. Reynolds Landing phase one included boulder placement and trail work. Council was asked if there is support for phase two which will focus on new shelters, active use play areas,

realignment of space to access water for fishing, slow-tubing, and wading. There is also a home located east of Breckenridge Brewery that is owned by the City of Littleton with agricultural heritage and historic tracks of land which will be included in the design phases of Reynolds Landing. The hope is to utilize the home for educational purposes and possibly house a collection of agricultural books that were donated to the City of Littleton.

IV. Staff Liaison Report

- A. Museum Director Tim Nimz was introduced to the board.
- B. Ms. Hankinson thanked Ms. Blakley and Ms. Lieb for reapplying to the Fine Arts Board and being selected for the upcoming year. The Fine Arts Board will remain the same for 2021.
- C. Ms. Hankinson reviewed the 2021 Fine Arts Board (FAB) budget. There are no new changes to the budget. No acquisitions budget for 2021. The conservation budget is set at \$25,000 with an additional encumbrance of \$14,500 set aside for the conservation of the Michelle Lamb mural Passages located at the RTD Light Rail station which is still in conversations. Total conservation budget for 2021 is \$39,500. Expenditures is set at \$9,650, ongoing conversations about opening receptions (likely not until mid-year) unused funds may go towards programs and lectures, workshops, etc.
- D. Eye of the Camera, *Myths and Legends* will run from March 19, 2021, through April 24, 2021.
- E. Best of Show will host 2020 Eye of the Camera and Own an Original exhibit winners titled *I and We*. Ashley Allen (individual) and duo Olga and Aleksey Ivanov.
- F. *Print Renaissance: Mid-century Masters of American Printmaking* from University of Colorado Boulder features artists Helen Frankenthaler and Andy Warhol among others. University of Colorado Boulder will install and de-install this free exhibit which will run from September 24, 2021 through October 16, 2021.
- G. Own an Original *Together Again* will run from November 19, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- H. Pacific Coast Conservation will begin work on *Head Sculpture* and *Saint Francis Sculpture* in April.

V. Committee Reports

SSP&RD Art Committee

- A. Ms. Bradish updated the board on the Public Arts Committee (PAC) selected mural for the entrance at the new South Suburban Sports Complex which is still waiting for lighting to be completed which should be happening soon. The meeting was held in-person.

Littleton Arts and Culture Commission

- A. Mr. Nimz provided a year in review of the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) and the roles and rationale of the board. The ACC is considered an umbrella organization responsible for finding ways to support the arts with a different setup than other boards with a mixture of non-profit, for-profit, council and business owners. The first meeting was held February 2020, and mid-year Council asked for a strategic plan which was approved in January 2021.
- B. The ACC's main goal is to improve and bring together and cross promote Arts and Culture in the Littleton community by working together seamlessly with FAB and other boards. The first initiative will be an Art Fair and Wine Tasting event being held at Aspen Grove on June 19, 2021, with the FAB overseeing the jurying process.
- C. Art and Wine Fest, June 19, 2021 provides artists with a unique opportunity to show their work after COVID and will feature South Metro/Littleton artists with a stipulation that artists must reside in these areas. The event will be promoted by the City of Littleton, ACC and Littleton Communications and Marketing staff. It will be a ticketed event with affordable art ranging from \$5 - \$500. Artists will be required to submit five images by April 9, 2021 which will then go through the jurying process with the FAB decisions being completed by end of April.

VI. Old Business

- A. The Board discussed the donation of a Ruth Wahl artwork that won Best of Show at the *Own an Original* art competition in 1977 from Pam Neeson.

Ms. Blakley made a MOTION to accept artwork from Pam Neeson by artist Ruth Wahl into the museum collection. Ms. Lieb seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Bradish, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirk, Lieb

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

- B. The Board continued discussions about the possibility of funding a temporary exhibit that will allow for community involvement and collaboration that focuses on the impact of COVID-19 and provide a space for healing and memorialization.

VII. New Business

- A. Ms. Elrod updated the board on the One Book, One Community event the Bemis Public Library will be co-hosting with the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum in September and the possibility of FAB being involved to provide cultural experiences to help heal the community.

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:44 p.m. Ms. Kirk made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blakley seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Bradish, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirk, Lieb

Nays: None

Absent: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Jenny Hankinson, Curator of Collections

Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary