

LITTLETON FINE ARTS BOARD

Minutes of Proceedings

September 16, 2021

Present: Carol Ackerman
Molly Blakley via Zoom
Carolyn Bradish, Vice Chair
David Goldstein via Zoom
Lance Johnson
Jessica Kirk, Chair
Kelly Milliman, City Council Liaison

Absent: Joni Lieb

Also Present: Jennifer Hankinson, Curator of Collections
Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary

I. Call to Order

Determining that a quorum was present, Chair Jessica Kirk called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the following business was transacted.

II. Minutes of August 2021

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Lieb

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

III. Staff Liaison Report

A. Ms. Hankinson informed the Fine Arts Board (FAB) the City of Littleton 2022 calendar judging will take place Monday, September 27, 2021, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the Littleton Center in the Community Room. Photos will be selected for the 2022 calendar and annual report. Dinner will be provided, the board can RSVP with Ms. Hankinson.

B. The museum will be hosting pARTy on Thursday, September 23, 2021, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. The ticketed event for those over the age of 21 is sponsored by the Friends of the

Littleton Library and Museum and the first of its kind held at the museum. This event will allow guests to engage with the artwork and exhibit in new and exciting ways.

- a. The event will be centered around the *Print Renaissance: Mid-century Masters of American Printmaking* exhibit from the University of Colorado Boulder which will run from September 24, 2021, through October 16, 2021.

C. The Fine Arts budget was reviewed and there have been no changes.

Kelly Milliman arrived at 6:33 pm

- D. The Secret Life of Clothes (SLOC) exhibit opens on November 4, 2021. There will be a dual opening reception for SLOC and Own an Original on Thursday, November 11, 2021, from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The Friends of the Littleton Museum and Library will be paying for the dual reception.
- E. The joint meeting between the Fine Arts Board and Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) will also be held on November 11, 2021, at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be in lieu of the regularly scheduled FAB meeting on November 18, 2021.
- F. No updates for Collections.
- G. The Littleton Museum staff received \$5,000 through ARPA funding; this is not considered emergency funding. The plan for this funding is to keep the museum at 80% staffing, which it has been functioning at. The funds may not be received until early 2022.

Carolyn Bradish arrived at 6:37 pm

- H. The Regional Transportation District (RTD) has been contacted regarding permissions to perform construction and conservation of “*Passages*” by Michelle Lamb due to the mural being located on RTD property. The appropriate forms have been filled out and submitted to perform construction on site.
 - a. Plans are for the project to begin by the end of the year to spend encumbered funds from 2020.

IV. City Council Liaison Report

- A. Ms. Milliman thanked Chair, Jessica Kirk and Staff Liaison Jenny Hankinson for attending the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and presenting current FAB projects.
 - a. Ms. Kirk presented to City Council the FAB conservation efforts, acquisitions, and the lack of a budget in 2021 but the hope to have one in 2022 through the American Rescue Plan Act.
 - b. ACC collaboration development and showcased the joint meeting held on September 9, 2021.
 - i. Mural program research
 - c. Community outreach program with the Bemis Public Library.
 - d. City Council posed questions about the purpose of public art and displaying it for the community to see.
 - i. The board discussed possible ways to have more art out on display, the logistics, programs, and how to get it out in public spaces.

V. Committee Reports

SSP&RD Art Committee

- A. The committee liaison position remains vacant.

Littleton Arts and Culture Commission

- A. No updates. The FAB and ACC held a joint meeting on September 9, 2021.

VI. Old Business

- A. Ms. Hankinson updated the board on the joint community art project “Open Door” between the Bemis Public Library and the FAB.
 - a. The project was well-received by the public. Thirty-one community members attended the two-day workshop with library and museum staff.
 - b. Twenty-three works are currently on exhibit at the Bemis Public Library gallery through September 30, 2021. The closing reception will be on September 23, 2021, from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm.
- B. Ms. Hankinson shared the possibility of the FAB coming up with another community art project idea before the end of the year with funds saved from FOLM paying for the SLOC and OAO reception openings.
- C. Ms. Hankinson updated the FAB about the museum staff and FAB workshop. Previous board conversations have prompted the museum staff to look deeper at FAB exhibits.
 - a. The museum staff would like to go back to the drawing board and develop an upcoming planning day to dig deeper into the exhibit process to develop more cohesive themes. They would like to hold the meeting the first quarter of next year on an evening with dinner provided or a Saturday with lunch.
 - b. Ms. Kirk would like to reserve January 20, 2022, for the exhibit workshop and proposes coming up with agenda, goals, and discussion points ahead of time.
- D. Ms. Hankinson reminded the board that their deliverables regarding their mural conversations are due at the next meeting, Thursday, October 21, 2021, and then to the ACC by November 11, 2021.

VII. New Business

- A. Ms. Hankinson shared the remaining 2021 schedule for the FAB, which will be emailed to all FAB members. Important upcoming dates are the calendar judging on September 27, 2021, and the “Open Door” closing reception, September 30, 2021.

Mr. Johnson made a MOTION to cancel the regularly scheduled FAB meeting on November 18, 2021, in lieu of the joint FAB and ACC meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2021. Ms. Bradish seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Bradish, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirk
Nays: None
Absent: Lieb

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:31 p.m. Ms. Ackerman made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Bradish seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ackerman, Blakley, Bradish, Goldstein, Johnson, Kirk
Nays: None
Absent: Lieb

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Jenny Hankinson, Curator of Collections

Felicia Sanchez, Recording Secretary