Minutes
Visual Arts Commission

Tuesday, September 13, 2022
5:30pm

Parks, Open Space & Cultural Arts Administration Building
9755 Henderson Road.

I. Roll Call
   a. Present: Beth Robinson, Ed Hanson, Jim Hensinger, Even Siegel, Lesley Pazdzioch, Rachel Guillot.
   b. Absent: Nick Ferro, excused.
   c. Adams County staff; Amy Smith, Melvin Wardlow.

II. Motion to Approve Agenda
   a. Motion made to approve June 28, 2022, made by Lesley Pazdzioch, moved by Ed Hanson, second by Jim Hensinger. No opposed - motion passed.

III. Motion to Approve Minutes
   a. Motion made to approve February 8, 2022 minutes made by Jim Hensinger, second by Ed Hanson. No opposed – motion passed.

IV. Updates
   a. Fleet and Public Works
      i. Timeline Update: artwork to be installed in March 2023
      ii. Next Steps: Andy will develop community engagement with Adams County welding programs.
   b. Coroner and Probation
      i. Columns are poured, Annette has begun purchasing materials
Next Steps: sizing artwork to columns and signage

c. Love Your Trails
   i. Completed Murals – Toni Ardizzone, Stephanie Leyden, Kerry Cesen, Julio Mendoza, Teresa Sahar, Leah Nguyen, Beth Warmath
   ii. In Progress/Sealant Curing – Kim Carlino, Angela Beloian, Keely Hertzel
   iii. Starting in September – Sofia Ramirez, Eli Palliert, Wes Abarca, Paz de la Calzada, Alex Eickhoff
   iv. Community Paint Days, free and open to the public
      1. Keely Hertzel: Pelican Ponds Open Space, September 10th and 11th, 12 pm – 4 pm
      2. Eli Palliert: Twin Lakes Park, September 24th and 25th, 12 pm – 4 pm

d. Dragon Boat Regatta, August 27
   i. 800 – 1,000 attendees. 9 dragon boat teams, 6 performances, 6 artist/community booths

V. Upcoming Projects
   a. Welby Days, September 17th
      i. Car show, produce market, community booths, vendor booths
      ii. Performances by Taiko Drumming with Toni, Colorado Fine Arts Association (Classical Indian Dance & Music), Kalama Polynesian Dancers, Bella Danze Arts Group
      iii. Interactive art experiences with Christine Nguyen, Sofia Ramirez, and Keely Hertzel
   b. Main Street Creatives Showcase at Taza Gallery
      i. On view in September and October. Reception on Thursday, September 22 from 4 pm – 6pm.
      ii. Wall themes based on curation panel scoring
      iii. Artwork by Judith Dickerson, Sheri Farabaugh, Jo Griff, Terry Hagen, Edward Hansen, Kathy Hansen, Sharon Krohn, Sandie Mackenzie Kary Mayes, M.J. McCaffery, Millie Young.
   c. Corridor Creative Arts League Exhibition
      i. Part of our efforts to continue connecting with Eastern Adams County
      ii. Exhibition up in November and December
      iii. Artwork will be illustration, painting, photography, and mixed media works by
Jamie Z Lockwood, Laurie Leftwich, Sarah Bennett, Carl Steitz, Regina White
Angie Perryman, Nicole Zacharias, and Pam Erickson.

d. Poet Laureate Program
   i. Two -year Residency January 2023 - December 2024.
   ii. This project is in line with our upcoming change to the Adams County Arts and
       Cultural Commission, it will include performing and literary arts
   iii. Artist interviews will need to be structured to evaluate finalists’ skills in poetry
       reading. VAC will consider non-traditional locations for artist interviews.

e. Animal Shelter Water Tank Mural
   i. In research phase, call-for-entry posted in early 2023
   ii. The mural will explore the theme of the human-animal bond throughout history
       and honor the history of the land.

f. Art & Lived Experience: Housing Insecurity
   i. POSCA & CSWB seek to commission an artist with lived experience of housing
      insecurity to engage with Adams County residents experiencing homelessness
      and create an artwork informed by their interactions with our residents.
   ii. Art panel will be comprised of VAC, CSWB staff, Cultural Arts Staff, and
       community members from the Lived Experienced Commission
   iii. Art panel will score submission in October and interview semi-finalists in at the
       end of November. Semi-finalists will receive an honorarium for a project-specific
       proposal
   iv. Scoring criterial will be unique to this project

VI. Adjourn – Motion made adjourn meeting by Beth Robinson, second by Evan Siegel. No opposed
    – motion passed. adjourn at 6:31 pm