

# Adams County Visual Arts Commission Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2019

6 – 8:15 pm

## Attendees:

- Adams County Reps: Gabe Rodriguez, Zoe Ocampo
- Commission:
  - Beth Robinson
  - Rebecca Renz
  - Lesley Pazdzioch
  - Luke Lopez
  - Evan Siegel

## Introductions

### Discussion of process and overall program

Gabe will be stepping out of the Cultural Affairs Liaison, Zoe stepping in full time. We are hopeful Gabe will still work with us for brilliant advice and great company.

With Zoe coming on and cultural affairs moving to the Parks, Open Space and Cultural Arts Department, there is a very bright future for the arts in AC!

Zoe and Adams County, with the help and advisement from the VAC, are going to take this opportunity to evaluate our program and process, and to create a strategic plan for success and to increase our impact.

### Key points discussed:

- Desire to involve more up and coming / emerging artists
  - Ideas - contests, voting by public, mural series
  - Possible tiers for artwork on larger projects (stipend and experience could be tiered)
- Earlier involvement of artists in major construction projects
  - Sit with design/build team
  - Integrate artwork into architecture
  - Cut down on infrastructure costs
  - Completed with opening
- Earlier involvement of commission
  - Discussion of desired outcomes to inform the RFP language

- RFP/ judging process evaluation
  - Each project's plan will be unique
  - Let's look at the questions we are asking – add subjectivity, rework and reword
  - Weight categories
- Can we include more interactive artwork, designed for children/grown-ups

## Project Updates

- **Human Services Building**
  - Photography
    - We are working with artist Kris Vaswig to order, place and install the remaining photographs
    - We are only about 50% there – there are about 100 already in the building and another 100+ coming
    - We still have some legwork to do around placement and ordering, but we are shooting to install in October/November
  - Sculptures
    - Installed August 9-11
    - Press Release sent out about VA
- **Veteran's Memorial**
  - We've met with the landscape architect firm, DHM twice and are so excited at the possibilities
  - The Veteran's Memorial will live in Regional Park and the goals are to create something reflective and somber, yet celebratory and visually stunning
  - Use the natural landscape of the park to create a gathering place
  - We have vetted a few locations, and they are going to start schematic design
  - Will write the RFP once we have concepts
  - No budget yet
- **Fleet / Public Works Building**
  - Internal County use only
  - Corner of Dahlia & 74<sup>th</sup>
  - We are waiting on the final drawings from the architect, will do a walkthrough of the site, then will start the RFP process with the VAC
  - A three-phase project
- **Animal Shelter**
  - Waiting on final renderings from both artists
- **Riverdale Regional Park Arena**
  - Recap of overall plans at RRP
  - Not much to share on this project yet, except to say that this one will be BIG - very exciting things to come

## SCFD Funding

- The full \$30,000 for general operating is being recommended by the council next Tuesday
- We still have some remaining funds for this year to spend and we are diving into identifying a few immediate projects
- For this and next year's funding, if anyone has thoughts on projects, please let Zoe know - we have a growing list but are open to ideas

#### Commission Meetings

- Consistent and Monthly – the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month (ish)
- Schedule:
  - August - Thursday, August 22, 6 pm
  - September - Thursday, September 26, 6 pm
  - October – Thursday, October 24, 6 pm
  - November/December - \*break\*
  - January – Thursday, January 23, 2020, 6 pm
- *Please note: depending on where projects are, we may need to adjust meetings, or possibly add to the this list.*

Zoe sending out meeting invites

#### Homework:

- Bring some thoughtful analysis of our visual arts program, as well as examples of successful programs (in government and not) that we can use as examples moving forward
- Any interesting projects or programs that you know of happening in Adams County
- Ideas/locations for possible projects with SCFD funding
- Meeting topics / agenda items desired

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 22, 6 pm, Government Center, room tbd**