

1999 ANNUAL REPORT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES BOARD

BACKGROUND

The Art in Public Places Board held their first meeting in July of 1995. The APP board meetings are being held the third Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Center.

Members who served in 1999 were Elizabeth Dale, Susan Sternlieb, Deanna Gram, Roger Sherman, Jane Liska-Smith, Michael Hestand and Jim Lynxwiler. Deanna Gram served as Chairperson until Roger Sherman was appointed in August and Deanna Gram was appointed Vice-Chair. Alan Howe replaced Jim Lynxwiler who left the board after the completion of his term in August.

ADMINISTRATION, POLICIES & GUIDELINES

The APP Board continues to devote much time to identifying ways in which policies will be administered to specific projects.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

As directed by City Council Policy Agenda, the APP Board continues to work on opportunities for art in community gateways, review the use of Utility funds for art, and develop guidelines, criteria, and evaluation forms for the donation of memorials and monuments to the city of Fort Collins.

1% PROJECTS (Completed)

Harmony Library Project was the building of a new library in cooperation with the State of Colorado at the site of the Front Range Community College. The City combined their APP money with the State's money in order to create a larger art piece. Artist George Peters was selected and approved to create and install his sculpture entitled, "Forest Light." The piece was installed in the atrium entrance of the new library.

The Civic Center Parking Structure was the first building constructed as part of the City's Civic Center project. David Griggs, an APP Design Consultant, was selected and was added to the project design team. The main tower entrance was selected as the focus for art. The artwork is the addition of terrazzo floors for three landings of that tower. The design depicts different modes of transportation.

Civic Center Four Corners Project involves the public right-of-way area of the Civic Center Plan. Andrew Dufford was hired to be the design consultant on the project. Mr. Dufford has designed bronze pavers to be set into the sidewalks of the Four Corners area. Each paver represents stylized images depicting the purpose of the building on that corner: civic, judicial, historical and transportation. The bronze pavers for the parking structure streetscape have been installed. The remaining pavers have been manufactured and will be installed when the respective sidewalks are being completed.

The Facilities Department presented plans for the expansion of the City's Utility Service Center on 700 Wood Street. The APP board created an RFP and held an open competition for artwork to be placed along Wood St. the artist team of Jan Longwell and Kimberly Steele was selected and approved by city council. The project, entitled "Energy Fields," is an interactive piece that includes earth berms, 170 rods and sound, which is emitted from the piece. The board is currently working on a dedication event to take place in 2000.

Park Planning & Development made a presentation to the board on the Westfield Park project. The Selection Committee selected J. Gunnar Anderson to create and install his sculpture entitled, "Secret Garden." The 15' flower-inspired metal sculpture is installed the Secret Garden area of the park.

1% PROJECTS (Pending)

The Transportation Department presented plans for a multi-modal transportation corridor on Mason St. the APP Board moved to add an APP Design Consultant to the design team. Andrew Dufford was selected to be part of the team to work on the overall concept for the corridor and to look at opportunities for art in the corridor.

The Civic Center Four Corners Project involves the public right-of-way area of the Civic Center Plan. Artist Andrew Dufford has designed bronze pavers to be inset in the sidewalks. He has also designed light pole enhancement sculptures to be attached to the light poles in the Four Corners area. Currently, a prototype is being manufactured. These sculptures are intended to mirror the stylized designs found in the bronze pavers.

The Facilities Department updated the board on the Transit Center project as part of the Civic Center Plan. The APP board moved to add an APP Design Consultant to the design team. The design team will select an APP Design Consultant from the approved list. This artist will report back to the APP board on possible art opportunities.

The Board created an RFP and held a competition for a "Downtown Art Project." From four final presentations a finalist was selected. After additional community outreach, the board is looking at collaborating with other city departments, a local design firm and the selected artist to create a design proposal for the Old Town bus shelter.

The Forestry Department came to the board to describe the current status of the Horticulture Center project. The APP board moved to add an APP Design Consultant to the design team at this early stage. The Design Consultant will report to the board at a later date to discuss possible opportunities for the inclusion of art.

The City's Utility Department presented a proposal for a collaborative project between the APP Program and the Utility Department's Watershed Program. The proposed project site is near Spring Creek just south of the Drake Pedestrian "Foot Bridge" and includes a wall that will serve as an observational focal point. The Utility Department proposed that they work with local elementary and junior high school students in order to acquire design ideas to add artistic embellishments to the wall. The Board suggested an open competition and will select an artist to create the embellishments using the students' design ideas.

The Park Planning & Development Department updated the board on the English Ranch Park Project. The APP Board created an RFP and held a competition for this park project. The Selection Committee chose Joe McGrane to create and install a piece entitled "Red Pony." We are currently working on the details of the project and site in English Ranch Park.

The Park Planning & Development Department made a presentation to the APP board on Case Park. The APP board decided that this project would give the program the unique opportunity to collaborate with the local school and do a project with the students. The APP program has connected an artist mentor to work with the art teacher and the students at Fort Collins High School to create a piece of art for the park.

The Park Planning & Development Department also made presentations to the Board on, Fossil Creek Community Park, Miramont and Harmony Parks.

- The Board moved to support PP&D in hiring an artist to add to the Design Team for Fossil Creek Community Park.
- The APP board will review opportunities to finish elements in Miramont Park that were designed by the project design team.
- PP&D reported that Harmony Park is a Community Choices Cooperative project between the City and Poudre R-1 School District. The Board moved to set up a process by which APP could work with PP&D and the schools to incorporate art into the park design.

DESIGN CONSULTANTS

This process adds an APP Design Consultant to the design team at the start of a project to work towards early integrated, site-specific works of art. The board held open competitions for artists interested in being included in the new APP Design Consultant list. The list now includes 19 artists from Fort Collins and the Front Range.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS

The Commemorative Sculpture is the project initiated by the Fort Collins Chamber of Commerce and the City to place art to commemorate the Fort Collins flood. An RFP was created and an open competition was held to select an artist to create this sculpture. APP board members joined a special community based Selection Committee and selected artist Jack Kreutzer. City Council approved the bronze and "Human Spirit" was dedicated in Creekside Park on the second anniversary of the event.

The APP program consulted with Poudre Valley Hospital on the process for an open competition to select artwork for their new Harmony Campus.

The APP program consulted with the County Courthouse/City Design team and offered them an APP artist to add to their team. APP artist Andrew Dufford is presently working with the county on the design of their municipal park.

ART DONATIONS

Mr. Roberts, retired Air Force Colonel, gave a presentation for a proposed Aviation memorial. On behalf of the Air Force Association, he addressed the purpose of this project and the

proposed placement of the memorial. After much discussion, the APP Board recommended to City Council that they not participate in this aviation memorial at the proposed site.

David Siever proposed a donation of a painting by Fort Collins artist Bob Coonts to be placed at Lincoln Center. The donation is in memory of his mother. The APP board moved to accept the piece as a donation to the city.

MAINTENANCE

Artist Don Mitchell did repair work on his piece located in the city's Xeriscape Garden. The artwork was vandalized and the repairs should make the sculpture more structurally stable.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Three of the APP board members had the opportunity to attend the Boards and Commissions workshop offered by the city.