

1996 ANNUAL REPORT ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

BACKGROUND:

The Art in Public Places Board was formed and held their first meeting in July of 1995. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Center.

Members who served in 1996 were William Cordiner, Elizabeth Dale, Susan Sternlieb, Joe Vansant, Deanna Harpham, Jim Lynxwiler and Jane Liska-Smith. Susan Sternlieb served as Chairperson until Jane Liska Smith was appointed in November and William Cordiner was appointed Vice-Chair.

POLICIES & GUIDELINES:

The APP Board has devoted much time to identifying ways in which policies would be administered to specific projects.

The staff has created an inventory of public art owned by the city. The board will use this to become aware of what art is already in the city's collection.

The board has worked on creating a donation form and procedures sheet to give to individuals interested in donating art work to the city. The board also created an assessment form to evaluate these proposals.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

The board submitted the proposal of an artist-designed entryway on Harmony Corridor to be included in the City's Capital Improvement Process.

1% PROJECTS:

The board created an RFP and held a competition for the "Drake Rd. Pedestrian Bridge Railing Project." The Selection Committee comprised of APP Board members, (two) city Engineers & (one) representative from the Purchasing Department selected a finalist to prepare a model and provide additional information on her proposal. The finalist, Laura Audrey from Denver was recommended by the APP Board and approved by City Council. Contract negotiations were completed with the artist and the artistic attachments to the railing should be installed in 1997.

The Stormwater Utility Depot project was presented in 1995, however that renovation project was canceled in 1996.

The Engineering Department made a presentation to the Board regarding the scope of the City's sidewalk system to bring it up to ADA standards. The APP Board worked with Engineering's suggestions for the inclusion of art into the project. The board created an entry form for an open competition requesting submissions for sidewalk art. The board

rejected the entries from that competition and has revised the entry form and re-released it to have proposals submitted in 1997.

The Facilities Department presented plans for an expansion of the City's Utility Service Center on Wood Street. After the initial presentation, the expansion project was greatly changed with the addition of the Stormwater Utility offices at Wood St. The project will be presented again in 1997.

Harmony Library Project is the building of a new library in cooperation with the State of Colorado at the site of the Front Range Community College. The city will combine their APP money with the money from the State towards a larger art competition. Two APP board members have been appointed to serve on the larger APP committee for this joint project. This project is temporarily on hold awaiting the state to hire a new APP Coordinator.

The Stormwater Department made a presentation on two upcoming projects: Fairbrooke Pond and Mountain Avenue storm sewer improvements. Working with Stormwater's suggestions, the board created an RFP for Fairbrooke Pond which incorporates Stormwater's environmental and educational objectives. The deadline for Fairbrooke Pond proposals will be January 1997.

The Engineering Department along with the City Managers Office presented the preliminary plans for the Timberline Road project. The board will spend time in 1997 on this project.

DESIGN CONSULTANT PROJECTS:

The board held the second open competition for artists interested in being included on the APP Design Consultant list. The list now includes 26 artists from Fort Collins and the Front Range.

Artists were added as Design Consultants on the following city projects:

- English Ranch Park - Park Planning
- 281 N. Howes - Recreation Dept./Facilities
- Vehicular Maintenance Facility - Facilities
- Eastside Neighborhood Intersection - Engineering

ART DONATIONS:

The Christopher Ludlum Memorial Committee made a presentation to the board concerning its intention to donate a memorial piece of art to the Lincoln Center. After discussions with the donating committee and the Lincoln Center Design Committee the piece was recommended by the APP board. Final approval was given by City Council. The bronze piece will be placed in the Lincoln Center's Terrace Sculpture Garden in February of 1997.

A presentation was made by the artist and donor to hand carve a wooden sculpture to be placed at the Senior Center. Additional information was requested and a decision on this donation will be made in 1997.

MAINTENANCE:

The board realized that the wood sculpture in front of City Hall is in ill repair. They are in the process of investigating the cost and the options for repair.

CITY LINE

The APP program is listed in the phone book with its own extension on City Line. This service informs individuals of upcoming competitions and lists who to contact for RFP's and for additional information.