

CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD MINUTES

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 21, 1996
5:00 p.m.
Lincoln Center

Council Liaison: Will Smith Staff Liaison: David Siever

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A regular meeting of the Cultural Resources Board was held on Tuesday, May 21, 1996 at the Lincoln Center. The following members were present:

Jennifer Beccard, Robin Goette, Fran Johnson,
Deborah Romero, Marcella Wells

Board Members Absent: Joan Day, Karen Warren

Staff Members Present: David Siever, Lincoln Center
Mike Powers, CLRS
Joy Poole, Museum
Evan Hyatt, Lincoln Center

Guests: Cindy Gabriel, First Night Fort Collins

AGENDA

- I. Call to order (5:09 p.m.) - Jennifer Beccard
- II. Consideration of tonight's Agenda
 No Changes
- III. Consideration of minutes of April 24, 1996
 Amend minutes to show that the Fort Fund final
 report for the March on Mites Hockey Tournament was
 submitted and reviewed.

Motion to accept minutes as amended - Marcella Wells
Second - Robin Goette
Passed unanimously

IV. First Night Fort Collins presentation - Cindy Gabriel

Cindy Gabriel of First Night Fort Collins made a presentation to the Board regarding the beginning of a First Night celebration in Fort Collins.

Scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 31, 1996 from 2:00 p.m. to Midnight, First Night Fort Collins will be an arts based, alcohol-free, community driven cultural celebration. It will provide an alternative to traditional New Year's Eve celebrations.

The main venues for the event will be the Foothills Fashion Mall, Lincoln Center, the downtown area, and the Museum and Library Park.

V. City/CSU Feasibility study update -

No progress to report at this time. The study's consultant is continuing to work on the two proposals that were submitted as part of the Capital Improvement Process. Those proposals include:

1. Converting the former Fort Collins High School into a mixed use facility which would include CSU's academic needs, shared art gallery space and a 2,200 seat performance hall. Renovation of the 220 seat Lincoln Center Mini Theatre into a 450+ seat theatre, plus a separate building that would house rehearsal and warehouse space and a shop.

2. Building a 2,200 seat "stand alone" theatre to be included in the Civic Center master plan or at another site to be determined later. Renovation of the 220 seat Lincoln Center Mini Theatre into a 450+ seat theatre, plus a separate building that would house rehearsal and warehouse space and a shop.

VI. CIP (Capital Improvement Process) Update -

The Board discussed some options for obtaining public input on the capital projects that have been submitted for the Museum and Lincoln Center.

The Board agreed to the idea of holding a combined "open house" with other departments within the Cultural, Library and Recreation Services area. This "open house" would be held in the later part of July after the Boards regular meeting on July 24. Staff will work on the details of the "open house" and discuss them with Board members at the regular meetings in June and July.

Boards and Commissions throughout the city will be asked to prioritize projects from their own areas in August.

VII. Discussion re: June Fort Fund process -

An informational meeting was held Tuesday, May 14 for the upcoming Fort Fund grant session to be held at the Board's next regular meeting on June 26. A representative from the Girl Scouts was the only one in attendance.

Applications for the June Fort Fund grant session are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4. Packets of all qualified applicants will be available to Board members no later than Friday, June 14. Staff will contact Board members when the packets are available.

The next regular meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26 and will conclude by 5:15 p.m. The Fort Fund grant session will begin at 5:15 p.m. After all the proposals have been heard and scored, the Board will break for dinner while staff tabulates the scoring. After the break recommendations for funding will be made.

VIII. Review of any past Fort Fund events -

Balloon Festival - A follow-up letter was received from the Balloon Festival Committee explaining that the omission of the Fort Fund logo was an oversight. Staff has made the organizers of the Balloon Festival aware that the omission of the logo may effect future funding of the event.

Reports were received and reviewed from the following events:

"Giselle" - Canyon Concert
DANCE/Music - Dance Express
Front Range Chamber Players
Music Fest - Public Radio for the Front Range

IX. Committee Reports -

Art In Public Places - The Board accepted a sculpture that was donated and will be place at the Lincoln Center.

CVB - No report.

Ft. Collins Council on the Arts - An open house at the Carousel Dinner Theatre is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22. This is the first of a series of open houses for artists in the community.

Lincoln Center Board - At their last meeting the LC Board gave input on the Civic Center master plan and the idea of making a 2,200 seat theatre part of the plan. Two new members have been appointed to the Board - Tom Gleason and Tommy Short.

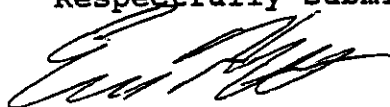
Museum - The Museum sub-committee is working of the possible creation of a "web site" for the Museum and a brochure to publicize upcoming events.

X. Other Business -

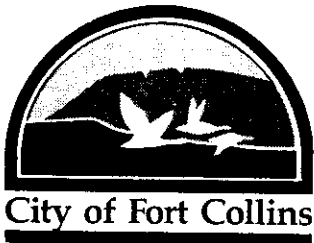
The Board approved a draft of a letter to the committee who is working on the reappropriation of the balance of the lodging tax revenues. The letter asks the committee to strongly consider reappropriating the revenue to Fort Fund.

XI. Adjournment (6:32 p.m.)
Moved - Fran Johnson
Second - Deborah Romero
Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Evan Hyatt
Publicity Coordinator



FT. COLLINS MUSEUM REPORT
CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD
June 26, 1996

EXHIBITS

The museum is pleased to report that people are still calling for hours to come see the popular En Divina Luz exhibit. Our next exhibit will be TO IMAGE, TO SEE! a Native American photography exhibit.

PROGRAMS

The Boxelder School House program is up and running for the 4th consecutive year. This year the program is being held for 10 weeks for 150 students. Six teachers have been hired to instruct the students in reading, writing and arithmetic.

Don't miss Skookum Day/Rendezvous on July 13th when the Pioneers Live Again!

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

The Hispanic Community committee met on Saturday June 22 to prioritize the list of themes for the NEH exhibit. Many will be assisting the staff in researching the exhibit and identifying people who can serve as resource people. The focus meeting was conducted by Amy Cota, a graduate student under Professor Ross Loomis.

The Germans from Russia will begin regular research on the archives at CSU this month.

The publicity for the Collection Initiative associated with the NEH exhibit has started with a terrific article in the Coloradoan. The museum has been inundated with telephone calls from the community by people offering donations. Examples include: an ice cream bicycle cart (c.1930's) used in a 1970's business, wood carvings, and pharmaceutical items from the 1st pharmacy at Poudre Valley Hospital.

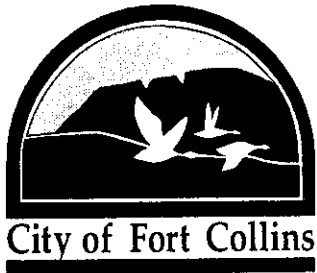
STAFF

For the past couple of months the museum has been engaged in the hiring process for a Curator of Exhibits. We are pleased to announce that John Carr has been hired in that position. John was instrumental in the construction and re-design of the museum exhibits during the 1993 remodel. Mr. Carr will start work on July 8th.

SHOP

The picture postcard book is still a hot selling item. Over 250 of the 1000 printed have been sold. They have been distributed to local stores including Barnes and Noble, King Soopers, Stone Lion, CSU bookstores etc. The museum shop will be participating in the 4th of July celebration in City Park so stop and shop!

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CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD
LINCOLN CENTER BOARD
JUNE 26, 1996

PROGRAMMING:

Sales for remaining tickets on the Showstopper Series went on sale to the general public on Monday June 24th. There were approximately 610 tickets available (140 singles and 470 multiples). A full page color ad was in the Coloradoan Sunday June 23rd.

The first Terrace concert will be Friday June 21st, and the first Terrace childrens concert will be Wednesday June 26th.

FACILITY:

Work has commenced on the new roof over the performance hall backstage area. The project should be completed before July 4th.

Separation of heating and ventilating between the Columbine room and the Mini Theatre will take place in July.

The new bike racks and lighting fixtures have been installed in the sculpture garden.

ADMINISTRATION:

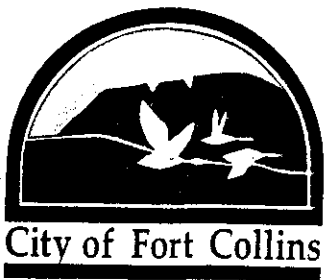
The annual volunteer appreciation reception was held on Tuesday June 18th. It was attended by approximately 140 people.

VISUAL ARTS:

The Crossroads Quilts exhibit is on display July 13-27th in the Intimate and Lobby galleries.

The "Fabric of Legacies" event is scheduled for July 27th, which includes a Merchant Mall, Crossroads Cafe and the annual meeting of the Colorado Quilters Council.

Featured in the Walkway Gallery July 6-30 are quilts from Marie Matous, the featured speaker for the Colorado Quilters Council.



June 12, 1996

Dear CVB Team Members:

On behalf of the Cultural Resources Board, I am writing to support a recommendation to the City Council for the allocation of the balance of the current lodging tax receipts to Fort Fund.

As you are aware, Fort Fund currently receives 25% of the lodging tax receipts for the purpose of supporting, fostering, encouraging, and promoting cultural activities, tourism, and other events. Since the inception of Fort Fund in 1987, requests for funding at each funding session have been greater than the money available. As the number of groups applying for support from Fort Fund has grown, the gap between requests for funding and the amount of funds available has continually widened.

For the fiscal year of 1995 the total amount of funding that was requested from Fort Fund was \$172,271. The amount that was available for allocation was \$90,000. In 1994 those numbers were similar with requests for \$176,593 and only \$85,550 available for funding. (Attached are copies of the past two Fort Fund funding sessions.)

Because the benefits of past events to the community have been extremely valuable, we feel strongly about this request for additional dollars. The impact of the additional revenue received would allow the Board to more fully fund events that would appeal to a broader population of the community.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. If you have any questions or need further information please contact me through David Siever or Evan Hyatt in the Lincoln Center Administration Office at 221-6735.

Sincerely,

Karen Warren
Chair
Cultural Resources Board

UPDATE

From: Frank Bruno
To: FC2.FTC_MAIL.QUESTIONS
Date: 5/24/96 9:10am
Subject: Lodging Tax Rev. Over Cap

Hello Everyone!

During the "other business" portion of the May 21st Council Meeting Councilmember McCluskey requested an update concerning the status of the lodging tax that is collected over the \$250,000 cap that we initiated with the CVB this past January.

Our staff team (Jim O'Neill, Sherrie Temple, Marty Heffernan, Jenny Baran, and I) have been meeting to scope the focus of our next challenge which we believe is to make recommendations to Council for the uses of the money collected over the cap. This will be a component of the 1997 recommended and final budget. At this point it looks like we are talking about roughly \$40,000 from 1995, and possibly another \$40,000 or so at the end of 1996.

We realize that we need comments, thoughts and suggestions from impacted parties (hotels/motels, food/bev., retail, etc). The staff team is scheduling a meeting for mid-June (possibly June 17th) with these interests to discuss options and explore possibilities for the revenue.

You'll recall that I've suggested in the past creating a Tourism Capital Improvement & Special Events Reserve that could be used to help offset the cost of constructing new performing arts or music facilities, help defray the costs of a major event in the community (like CML a few years ago), buy a trolley-type bus for a special hotel/motel - downtown - mall route for tourists and citizens, or perhaps even help fund a special route to the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport. Other ideas include increased funding for Fort Fund beyond the projected \$95,000 for 1997, or possibly funding special museum-type activities such as Discovery Center.

We plan on bringing options and a recommendation to the Finance Committee during the summer (July/August) in time for the 1997 Budget Process.

Please let me know if you have any questions; we'll keep you posted.

Thanks, Frank