

**CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD MINUTES**

Regular Meeting - Wednesday, April 24, 1996  
5:00 p.m.  
Fort Collins Museum

Council Liaison: Will Smith                      Staff Liaison: David Siever

Chairperson: Karen Warren                      Phone: 493-8047(h)  
Vice-Chair: Jennifer Beccard                      Phone: 491-1022(w) 495-1875(h)

A regular meeting of the Cultural Resources Board was held on Wednesday, April 24, 1996 at the Fort Collins Museum. The following members were present:

Karen Warren, Jennifer Beccard, Marcella Wells,  
Robin Goette, Fran Johnson, Joan Day, Deborah Romero

Board Members Absent:                      None

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

Guests:    Courtney Wagner, CSU Student  
Vandi Holter, Liaison from the  
Convention & Visitors Bureau

**AGENDA**

- I.                      Call to order (5:04 p.m.) - Karen Warren
- II.                     Consideration of tonight's Agenda  
                            No Changes
- III.                    Consideration of minutes of March 27, 1996  
                            Motion to accept minutes - Joan Day  
                            Second - Jennifer Beccard  
                            Passed unanimously
- IV.                    City/CSU Feasibility Study update -

As part of the current Capital Improvement Process staff will submit two proposals:

- 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. 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.

V. CIP (Capital Improvement Process) Update -

Ms. Poole reconfirmed that as part of the Capital Improvement Process, the Museum staff will ask the Council to consider two options:

1. A short-term option to remodel the current Museum increasing the amount of exhibition space, create a meeting space for historical groups and upgrading current services. The estimated cost of this proposal would be approximately \$1.7 million.

2. A long-term option would include the acquisition of the current Library and remodeling both the Library and the current Museum to include additional exhibition space, meeting space for historical groups, research space, and upgrades in current services. The estimated cost of this proposal would be approximately \$10 million.

Lincoln Center staff will submit proposals listed above as part of the City/CSU Feasibility study.

Boards and Commissions throughout the city will be asked to prioritize projects from their own areas before they are submitted to Council. Public input on the process will be gathered and Council will prioritize all projects submitted. At this point, City staff has not been asked to prioritize projects.

VI. Handicapped Parking at Lincoln Center -

Mr. Siever updated the Board on the problems that the Lincoln Center is experiencing with a lack of handicapped parking. Some of the questions raised were: Does the Lincoln Center take away existing parking spaces to create more handicapped parking spaces? Should temporary spaces be created to be used when there is a perceived need?

Karen Warren suggested that staff contact the city's Commission on Disabilities and get some information and suggestions on what alternatives there might be to address the problem. Staff will contact Nancy Sterling who is the staff liaison for the Commission on Disabilities.

VII. Review of any past Fort Fund events -

Balloon Festival - A final report was received from the Fort Collins Balloon Festival (1995). The report stated that credit was given to Fort Fund as a sponsor in all publicity for the event. However, Board members noted that credit was not given on the Festival's brochure. Staff will draft a letter asking the Festival's organizers to explain this discrepancy.

Northern Colorado Youth Hockey, March on Mites Tournament

An informational meeting for the next Fort Fund session is set for Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lincoln Center Balcony Lobby. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m. and the next funding session is Wednesday, June 26.

VIII. Committee Reports -

Art In Public Places - The Board is working on a Request For Proposals for sidewalk art work.

CVB - An all-day retreat is scheduled for April 25 to allow the CVB Board to plan its direction now that a new contract has been signed with the city.

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 designed to expose patrons to the arts community.

Lincoln Center Board - No report

IX. Other Business -

Members of the Board would like to have the opportunity to attend the open house at the Carousel Dinner Theatre on May 22. Therefore, the Board's May meeting will be moved to Tuesday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Center. Staff will contact the City Clerk's office to notify them of the change.

Ms. Cindy Gabriel has requested to be put on the Board's agenda in May to discuss "First Night Fort Collins." Ms. Gabriel is the main organizer of the event. She will be given 10 minutes on the May agenda.

Susan Lehman of the City Plan Technical Team has requested to speak to the Board at a future meeting to present the Structure Plan portion of the City Plan Process. Staff will contact Ms. Lehman to set-up a time to meet with the Board.

Deborah Romero will not be reapplying for appointment to the Board. Her term will expire July 1, 1996.

X.           Adjournment (6:41 p.m.)  
                  Moved - Robin Goette  
                  Second - Fran Johnson  
                  Passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted,



Evan Hyatt  
Publicity Coordinator



FT. COLLINS MUSEUM REPORT  
CULTURAL RESOURCES BOARD  
May 21, 1996

### EXHIBITS

As a result of the NEH planning grant, the museum staff has been working with several committees to plan for the 1997 exhibit schedule. For example, the Division of Wildlife is celebrating their 100th anniversary and would like to join with the Fort Collins Museum in offering an exhibit and programs commemorating their endeavors in natural history. We also anticipated mounting an exhibit celebrating the diverse cultures of Fort Collins. This exhibit will focus on either the Germans from Russia or the Hispanic contributions. Both of these exhibits will serve as mock-ups to gauge visitor reactions for the future permanent NEH exhibit installation and provide for a higher quality visitor experience.

### PROGRAMS

The reception on May 2nd for *En Divina Luz* featuring the photographer Craig Varjabedian and a Penitente brother Floyd Trujillo was according to one visitor, "one of the most culturally significant events ever held at the museum." (With less than 100 Penitente Brothers still practicing in Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico it was a rare opportunity to learn of their sense of community and faith.)

### National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

Jennifer Slichter, one of the part time young professionals for the NEH grant has accepted a permanent position at the Loveland Museum. Ms. Slichter however, will continue to volunteer at the museum about 3-4 hours per week on the NEH grant project in the collections area.

Amy Cota has submitted her initial report on the Germans from Russia focus group which identifies the sub themes they think would be applicable in an exhibit. They continue to be very committed to assisting on all aspects of the NEH grant including exhibits, programs and collections. The committee met on May 20th to review the resource materials at CSU library.

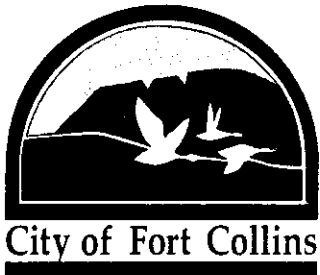
### STAFF

The museum interviewed several qualified candidates and was delighted with the response to our job announcement. We are currently checking references on the top candidates.

### SHOP

During the Hispanic/Historic Preservation exhibit opening, Mr. Craig Varjabedian autographed several copies of his book *En Divina Luz*. Tom Sutherland autographed numerous copies of his new book at the Fort Collins Museum on May 11th. In addition, three hundred copies of the *Fort Collins Memories* Picture Postcard book have been sold this spring.

A Development Report from Alison White, Development Officer is attached for your perusal.



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LINCOLN CENTER BOARD  
MAY 21, 1996

**PROGRAMMING:**

Renewals for all series have been sent out. Renewals have been strong and the box office is currently backlogged working through seating changes. Once this is completed, people will be contacted on the gift certificate list and those people seated. Although there is a lot of paper work involved we are expecting to meet the published deadlines.

**FACILITY:**

EL-E-VATE, the sculpture donated by the Support League will be dedicated on May 30th. Fencing has been put in place surrounding the sculpture and new landscaping is scheduled to be planted prior to the dedication.

**Summer projects:**

New roof installed over the performance hall backstage area.

Separation of heating and ventilating between the Columbine room and the Mini Theatre

Pouring of concrete for new bike racks and lighting fixtures in the sculpture garden.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Staff is currently working on the 1997 budget. Barring any unforeseen circumstances we should be funded at current service levels in 1997.

Jared Soares has been hired by the combined CLRS service area to work on computer related problems. Lincoln Center has contracted with Jared to provide 7 hours per week for the Box office, Scheduling, and administration computer areas.

**VISUAL ARTS:**

Current exhibits feature the work of five out-of-state artists. North Carolina artist Robert Schwieger is exhibiting silk screen monoprints and constructions in the Intimate Gallery May 17 - July 2.

Ohio artist Phillip Chan and Texas artist Gary Retherford are exhibiting paintings and mixed media works in the Lobby Gallery May 21 - July 2.

Minnesota artists Susan Maakestad and Sharol Nav are exhibiting drawings and paintings with "A Sense of Place". Their works will be featured in the Walkway Gallery May 24-June 28.