

Vinson Fund Committee, August 7, 2018 (Next Meeting Date to be Determined)

VFC Members Present: Lesley Mann, Tiane Shoemaker, Linda Ray, Doug Kyle, and Kathy Ahlenslager (note-taker).  
City Council Representative Anne Lawson.

Item	Discussion or Status	Action
Event Report form	Mallory Connor edited the form. Kyle moved to accept the form as presented from Connor, Ray seconded, unanimously passed. Mann will ask Theresa Bergquist to make the changes and post on the City's website.	Mann
2019 application deadline	Mann will contact Bergquist to send out a newspaper article. Kyle will ask for a PSA on Hank 104.5.	Mann, Kyle
Denied applications	This year the committee denied applications from Senior Center, City Parks and Recreation Dept., and Habitat for Humanity. They will be sent letters announcing the application deadline.	Mann
Rendezvous	Kyle reported that the acts Vinson funded were very lightly attended, less than 50 people total were at these three performances. Vinson Funded contributed \$5,000 as follows: Randy Oxford \$2500, Rae Gordon \$1500, Alex Ashley \$1000.	
Chainsaw carving, Yep Kanum Park	Doug Kyle is the contact for this and will coordinate with City Council, Colville Chamber of Commerce, Colville Together, and Colville School District. See 7/24/2018 email below from Kathy Ahlenslager.	
Committee member at events	Mann suggested that the committee might designate a member to be present at each event.	
Next meeting	Depending on business, the committee may or may not meet in September and December.	

**Chainsaw carving in Yep Kanum Park----**

Hi Steven, Annie, Doug, and Jill, I just talked with carver Steven Higgins. He is looking forward to coming after the Kootenai Country Montana Chainsaw Carving Championships, Sept. 20-23 in Libby. He will stay after the competition 2-5 days carving sculptures ordered there. Depending on the orders, he should arrive in Colville Sept. 26-30th. He has a signed contract with the City for the work.

Below are the Feb. 27th, 2018 City Council minutes on the project. **No decisions have been made regarding the theme for our sculptures (see 2nd paragraph, Loggers said "most likely native area animal theme").**

#07. DISCUSSION/ACTION: REQUEST FOR VINSON FUNDING FOR YEP KANUM PARK CHAINSAW CARVINGS. 6:47:19 PM KATHY AHLENSLAGER, VINSON COMMITTEE, STATED THAT LAST YEAR THERE WAS THINNING IN YEP KANUM PARK AND THEY ARE PROPOSING TO DO SOME CHAINSAW CARVINGS WITH SOME OF THE STUMPS THAT WERE LEFT. SHE STATED THAT THEY HAVE SELECTED STEVEN HIGGINS TO DO THE TREE CARVINGS.

COUNCILMEMBER SMITH ASKED WHAT THE FINAL DESIGN WILL BE AND IF THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE FINAL APPROVAL. KATHY AHLENSLAGER STATED THAT STEVEN HIGGINS WILL NEED TO SEE THE TREE STUMPS BEFORE HE DECIDES WHAT TO CARVE. **COUNCILMEMBER LOGGERS STATED THAT IT WOULD MOST LIKELY BE A NATIVE AREA ANIMAL THEME.**

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JILLIAN MARSHALL STATED THAT SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT VANDALISM. SHE STATED THAT THERE IS REGULAR VANDALISM IN THE PARK. SHE STATED THAT SHE WAS NOT SURE IF IT IS LIGHTED IF THAT WILL DETER VANDALS. SHE ALSO STATED THAT THERE WILL BE ON-GOING MAINTENANCE EXPENSES.

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL STATED THAT THERE IS A LOT OF ART RELATED ITEMS GOING ON. SHE ASKED IF WE NEED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF AN ARTS COMMITTEE. SHE ALSO STATED THAT AT SOME POINT THIS SHOULD ALL BE PULLED TOGETHER.

MAYOR JANKE STATED THAT THE COLVILLE 2000 DOWNTOWN PLAN UPDATE AND THE PARTNERSHIPS WE ARE FORMING CAN HELP WITH SOME OF THOSE ITEMS.

MAYOR JANKE ASKED IF WE WILL GET ANY SAY IN THE DECISION OR DO WE JUST GO WITH WHAT STEVEN HIGGINS DECIDES. COUNCILMEMBER SMITH STATED THAT MAYBE ONCE HE KNOWS WHAT HE WILL CARVE THAT IT GETS RUN BY SOMEBODY LIKE THE VINSON COMMITTEE. KATHY AHLENSLAGER STATED THAT THE **VINSON COMMITTEE WILL HAVE SOME OVERSIGHT IN THE DECISION OF WHAT IS CARVED.**

COUNCILMEMBER FOLL MOVED AND COUNCILMEMBER CONNER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR VINSON FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AT LEAST TWO (2) CHAINSAW CARVINGS INCLUDING BORATE PRESERVATION RODS AND VARNISH COATINGS. MOTION PASSED