

**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION  
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
9 am

WebEx Video Conference Meeting  
Sioux Falls, SD

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**THE MEETING WAS RECORDED.**

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**MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT**

**MEMBER PARTICIPANTS:** Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer, Joe Schaeffer; James Zajicek, Sara Lum, Michael Jamison

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Keith Lapour

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:** Shawna Goldammer - Staff Liaison, James Unruh, Jeff Helm, Chad Kucker, Shannon Ausen, Dena Knutson, Jeff Eckhoff, Planning and Development Director, Mike Patton, Parks and Recreation

**ITEM 1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zajicek at 9:02 am and with a quorum of Commission members participating in the meeting.

**ITEM 2. Welcome Members and Guests:** Chairperson Zajicek welcomed the Visual Arts Commission members as they introduced themselves. He then asked for introductions of other participants. Shawna Goldammer explained that she, Director Eckhoff and Mike Patton were in conference room 110 at the City Center. Chad Kucker with confluence introduced himself as a presenter for the CIP project on 41<sup>st</sup> Street. James Unruh with HDR Engineering introduced himself as part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Street project team. Shannon Ausen with Public Works Engineering introduced herself as part of the 41<sup>st</sup> Street team and stated that

Dena Knutson with Public Works Engineering will be also joining the meeting. Jeff Helm, Sioux Falls Fire Rescue introduced himself.

**ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Agenda:** A motion was made by Commissioner Lum and the motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBoer to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2020 Meeting.** A motion was made by Commissioner Boice and the motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBoer to approve the September minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**ITEM 5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items (Chairperson) None.**

**ITEM 6. Unfinished Business - None**

**ITEM 7. New Business**

**a) Art Integration: CIP presentations**

**Public Works Engineering:** Shannon Ausen began with explaining the project highlighted as 41<sup>st</sup> Street reconstruction, from Marion Road to Shirley Avenue including additional lanes, and the diverging diamond interchange at I-29. She explained the options for the medians and median landscaping. She then asked Chad Kucker to talk about the landscaping. He shared his screen presenting the 41<sup>st</sup> Street diverging diamond interchange. He explained that at the interchange area is really tight, allowing for more lanes of traffic, but not much area for landscaping. The goal is to utilize elements in the landscape that have been utilized in other Public Works projects. He then described areas will remain concrete due to visibility issues that will not afford landscape elements. Mr. Kucker explained the stainless steel and wedge sign elements and the planting pallet. Jeff Eckhoff commented regarding the safety aspects for those persons that panhandle and incorporation into the landscape with this in mind. The team did indicate that information has been forwarded to the SDDOT, and they continue to work with the Police department for a solution for panhandling. Commissioner Jamison asked about the art element (swizzle sticks). He explained that the swizzle stick feature is great, but perhaps each corridor should include a call for art or the like to come up with a unique feature on this project. Mr. Jamison went on to say that it may be an art community conversation to come up with unique ideas that could be acceptable to the state. He thinks it would be interesting to have the conversation with the art community. Chad Kucker explained that the art elements are part of the design and are provided by the contractor. He went on to say that the fabrication and installation of the art elements on Russell Street was very hands on. Commissioner DeBoer explained that the artist community could design something but this project does not offer the opportunity to commission an artist. He went on to say that his opinion is that the art would not be as appreciated by people driving by. Commissioner Lum explained that she is excited to see the visual elements and even the concrete form provide as uniquely Sioux Falls. Commissioner Boice explained that the visual elements can be

a Sioux Falls feature, but tie in to the surrounding landscape or other geographic elements of the area.

**Parks and Recreation:** Michael Patton explained the parks master planning projects that are in the 2021-2022 horizon that will be brought forward to the Visual Arts Commission as informational items. The biggest project is the Falls Park Master Design Competition. Mr. Patten explained that the competition will open in the first part of 2021 and he reminded the commission that Falls Park extends from 6<sup>th</sup> Street all the way up to the Penitentiary. He went on to say that the design competition is really to offer a road map for all of Falls Park, rather than simply hiring a consultant to design the park. He explained the vision for the competition is to have cross discipline teams lead by a licensed design professional, to present designs, that can be scored. Mr. Patten stated that as the competition moves forward, the VAC will be updated with information including the RFP.

Mr. Patton then explained that Family Park will be a large community park in the future and as the planning process moves forward for Family Park, the VAC will have a role in identifying art integration.

The final design discussed by Mr. Patton was the new skate park, at Drake Springs. This design will be a partnership with the Downtown Skate Park Association. He went on to say that the skate features will be designed in such a way to be mindful of art integration.

Commission Jamison inquired about the play feature process. Mr. Patton explained the neighborhood parks have are designed to have the experience last for one hour. For the Community parks, they are designed for a specialized activity such as music. The neighborhood parks are standard design, with the Community parks designed for the activity. The commission was appreciative of the willingness of the Parks Department to come to discuss these topics early in the process.

Fire: Jeff Helm explained that he did listen and learn about the art integration at this meeting. He explained that the Fire Department does have a training facility and a couple of new stations in the capital program.

- b) Visual Arts Commission Projects – Updates. Shawna Goldammer asked Mike Patton to update the group on the two noted topics.
- Joe Foss Bust: Mr. Patton explained that the appraisal for the bust has been received, and he continues to work with the City's legal team for the method, be it a loan or a gift, to the Military Alliance. He explained that his next steps are to meet with the Military Alliance to discuss security and display of the bust. Shawna Goldammer stated that the appraised value was \$9-10,000 and there is a value to this piece and it was a good recommendation by the VAC to have the Joe Foss bust appraised.
  - Sea Dream: Mr. Patton explained the sculpture is in storage at the Parks shop. The insurance is still being worked out that would allow the artist to do the restoration. He went on to say that the restoration

may be quite substantial, and the final location of Sea Dream can be discussed once the restoration has been completed. Mr. Patton explained the process that Steve Thomas will use to explore the inside of the sculpture.

- c) Sioux Falls Arts Council - Updates
- DT-Art Box Call for Art: Kellen Boice explained that town hall type of sessions will be scheduled to explain the project to the community.
  - Staffing Changes: Ms. Boice explained that Angelica has resigned, and the only person in the office at the Arts Council is herself.
  - Others: Kellen explained the artist's database. She asked the Commissioners if they find out of any art related events, to please let her know. The Sioux Falls Art Council then they can promote these events.

#### ITEM 8. Other Business

- a) Update from the working session: Mural Ordinance Sub Committee: Shawna Goldammer displayed the working draft of the mural ordinance, and asked one of the subcommittee to update the Commission on the draft. Commissioner Zajicek explained the ordinance, the three sections provided as the draft. Ms. Goldammer shared the strike out/underline version that depicted the new language, and what is proposed to be struck from the codes. Commissioner Lum asked about maintenance of existing painted signs, and the subcommittee explained they could be grandfathered in. Jeff Eckhoff asked about a graphic as part of the mural definition. Shawna Goldammer explained that the judgement calls for those murals that are in the grey area of signage, the mural ordinance allows the Director of Planning and Development Services to decide. She also explained that the hate speech language will be reviewed by legal, and the VAC subcommittee recommended it say in for now, and see where it goes with a first amendment review with the City Attorney's office.
- b) Visual Arts Commission Review of working draft of the Mural Ordinance: Shawna Goldammer asked for a motion to move the ordinance out to the next steps including having the attorneys review the draft, taking this draft to the artist community, and have the Mayor review it. Director Jeff Eckhoff recommended to getting the legal review in process. Commissioner Lum made a motion to have the draft reviewed by the City Attorney's office and at the same time, provide this draft to artist in the community for feedback. The motion also includes reviewing the mural ordinance draft at the next meeting to incorporate feedback. Commissioner Zach seconded the motion. Commissioner Boice asked that any feedback be reviewed at the next working session for the stake of time. The motion was passed unanimously.

ITEM 9. Announcements

- a) Next Meeting: Shawna Goldammer explained that the next working session falls on Veterans Day. Commissioners recommended that e-mail be sent out to the rest of the Commission.
  - 1) Working Session – ?Wednesday November 11, 5:30-7:30? (Veterans Day)
  - 2) Regular Meeting—Tuesday, November 17, 9 a.m., Video Conference Meeting

Commissioner DeBoer asked about the parking ramp RFP for mural. Director Eckhoff explained the RFP is a vehicle to allow something to happen temporarily without the City spending any money on the ramp. The group discussed the role of the VAC in the public art process.

ITEM 10. Adjournment: Commissioner Lum made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBoer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.