

MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

July 21, 2009

Carnegie Town Hall
235 W 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Marie Davis, Ceca Cooper, Jerry Hauck, Lyle Pudwill and Anita Kealey, and Kris Carmody Reaves
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lary Etten and Lyle Pudwill - excused
OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Wolf - Sculptor, Don Kearney - Director of Parks & Recreation, Jeanny Wang – Urban Planner Intern, Planning Office , Russ Sorenson - Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Vice Chairperson Ann Marie Davis called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chairperson Ann Marie Davis welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Ann Marie Davis asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, it was the consensus of the Commission to approve the regular agenda.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve the June 16, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. Discussion of 2010 – 2014 Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects - Parks & Recreation and Falls Park Master Plan

Presenter: Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation

Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided the Commission with an update on the Falls Park Master Plan. Mr. Kearney indicated that since 2003 there has been significant development of Falls Park. He mentioned that currently the Parks staff is working with Stockwell Engineering on a concept plan for Falls Park. Several stakeholder meetings have been held with various Falls Park user groups and adjacent businesses and developers. Mr. Kearney explained the concept plan is a 5 – 10 year plan to implement and highlighted some of the possible future improvements. The concept plan indicates:

- realignment of Falls Park Drive so that additional park land could be developed;
- a new north entrance into the park;
- comprehensive signage plan for the park;
- expanded parking to accommodate weekend events;
- expanded festival grounds;
- incorporation of possible play ground unit, dog park;
- additional historical interpretation sites of the Falls area;
- larger outdoor amphitheater area;
- expansion of visitor center
- railroad relocation project – environmental review process is underway. One existing rail line would be removed and another rail line constructed. Development of a new pedestrian tunnel under the existing rail line is also being explored.

Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented information on the 2010 – 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects that may warrant the incorporation of visual artistic elements. Such projects include:

- continued development along the Big Sioux River Greenway;
- a three year project for the continued development of the Mary Wagner Arboretum (East Sioux Falls) and the incorporation of festival grounds along the Big Sioux River;
- Spellerberg Park and Swimming Pool
 - o a new concept plan for Spellerberg Park is planned for 2010;
 - o design and construction are planned in 2011 and 2012, respectively;
- possible new sculpture locations at swimming pool locations;
- enhancement of the entrance into the Harmondon Park baseball and softball fields – a “Teamwork” theme;
- new construction is planned for Prairie Green and Kuhn Park golf club houses - incorporation of art / sculptures near clubhouses;
- Great Plains Zoo master plan is completed – opportunities to incorporate visual art exist there.

The Commission thanked Mr. Kearney for his presentation and expressed a strong interest in continuing to working with the Parks & Recreation staff and board on to incorporate visual art elements into park improvement projects in our city.

ITEM 6. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) Call for Art – Artistic Bicycle Racks – Resolution to Council – July 20, 2009 – inform DT Sioux Falls & Chamber;
- b) Sertoma Butterfly House Sculpture – Resolution to Council - July 20, 2009
- c) North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – *In Varietate Concordia*
- d) CommUnity Youth Mosaic – Phase III Celebration - Sat., August 29, 2009 3:00 pm to -5:00 pm
- e) Going Home Sculpture – Dedication - Wed., Nov 11, 2009 Veterans Memorial Park
- f) Website Updates – Completed.
- g) 2009 Work Plan

ITEM 7. PUBLIC INPUT

Darwin Wolf, Sioux Falls sculptor, announced that in September 2009 he would begin sculpting the R. F. Pettigrew sculpture approved by the city in April 2006 (City Resolution #44-06). The sculpture would stand approximately 15 feet tall.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

HANDOUTS – July 21, 2009 Meeting

- o July 21st Meeting Agenda
- o June 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handout for Item 3