



MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 15, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ceca Cooper, Ann Marie Davis, Lary Etten, Jerry Hauck, Lyle Pudwill,
and Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anita Kealey.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Sorenson – Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill welcomed the Commissioners.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ann Marie Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved..

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the August 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to approve the August 18, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. DISCUSSION of IDEAS for Visual Art with 8th Street Improvement Project

Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, distributed copies of previous design ideas that had been formulated by Commissioners for the 8th Street Improvement Project. An aerial map for 8th Street was also available for discussion.

Discussion among the Commissioners ensued. The Commissioners expressed that 8th Street is a historic street from Minnesota Avenue, east across the Big Sioux River, to Cliff Avenue.

Artistic components and expression of the new streetscape, distinctive and identifiable markings, and 8th Street bridge accents were supported by the Commissioners.

Relative to new streetscaping for 8th Street, the Commissioners encouraged the use of landscaped medians, where possible. Perhaps themed art pieces could be placed within the median areas. The new streetscaping needs to be inviting to the public.

The Commissioners expressed the need for a coordinated theme, or perhaps the continuation of utilizing the existing new “downtown” elements of light fixtures, bench furniture, trash receptacles, tree planters and way finding signage along 8th Street area. The idea of extending and utilizing existing “Cherapa Place” landscape elements along 8th Street was discussed.

In regards to providing distinctive markings along 8th Street, Commissioners suggested possible implementation of a water feature, round-a-bout @ 8th & Phillips Avenue intersection, or using cobblestone markings at intersections. Implementation of strategic archways would help identify 8th Street gateways.

Relative to the bridge, Commissioners favored accent lighting for the bridge and perhaps adding additional ornamentation or color to the bridge.

Commissioners discussed inviting some of the 8th street property owners to their October meeting to hear their ideas so that design boards could be done to capture additional ideas. It was suggested that Russ contact Public Works representatives to find out what the public input and design schedules involve.

It was also mentioned that Russ communicate the Commission's initial discussion to Public Works Department officials and that they consider:

- 1) being visionary for 8th Street – from Minnesota Avenue , east to Cliff Avenue;
- 2) providing artistic components and expression of the new streetscape which includes distinctive and identifiable markings, and 8th Street bridge accents;
- 3) encouraging landscaped street medians – separating traffic-(ie: E 26th Street; E 57th Street);
- 4) extending the Phillips Ave themes of similar street furniture, benches, banners, lighting, onto 8th Street;
- 5) creating spaces / niches for future placement of visual art, sculptures, planting of small garden areas, provisions for pedestrian seating, etc.;
- 6) extending the “prairie vegetation theme” (grasses) from Cherapa Place onto segments of 8th Street;
- 7) providing accent intersection areas / cross walk areas with stone pavers/ textured/stamped colored hard surface materials to serve as a reminder motorists and pedestrians about the historical significance of 8th Street. Consider a round-a-bout?
- 8) affording a public involvement and participation forum for adjacent property and business owners, Visual Arts Commission, Sioux Falls Beautiful and Whittier Neighborhood.
- 9) Incorporating fountains, or water features, along 8th Street – Holiday Inn Site @ 8th & Phillips

ITEM 6. DISCUSSION of IDEAS for Visual Art with Harmodon Park Project

Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, distributed copies of previous design ideas that had been formulated by Commissioners for the Harmodon Park Improvement Project. An aerial map depicting the park boundary was also available for discussion. Due to meeting time constraints, Commissioners requested that this item be further discussed at their October meeting.

ITEM 6. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) Artistic Bicycle Racks Promotion Subcommittee Update (Hauck, Cooper, Kealey)
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, mentioned that he has included the selected designs for the artistic bicycle rack project on the Commissioners website page. The Commissioners requested Russ to provide a draft brochure that showcases the selected designs for their review and the next meeting. The brochure would be used to assist the commissioners with marketing the bicycle racks for sponsorship by local business, civic and service club organizations.

- b) North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – *In Varietate Concordia*
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, informed the Commissioners that the project is complete and the final payment to the artist made. Commissioners expressed their satisfaction with the project. Russ indicated that public comments received about the visual art wall have been very positive.

- c) Going Home Sculpture Dedication - Sat., Nov 7, 2009 , 1:30 pm Veterans Memorial Park
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, reminded the Commissioners of the sculpture dedication.

- d) Update on Sculpture Placements on Park Property
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, indicated that Chairperson, Lyle Pudwill, and he met with Parks and Recreation staff to review the current policy for sculpture placement on Park property. It was agreed to not change the current policy as it is clear and working for both entities. It was determined that the Commission’s recommendation for future sculpture placements within city park properties would continue to go back to the Parks and Recreation Board but would be considered by them at their next monthly public meeting, rather than on the same day the Commission takes action.

- e) Website Updates – Completed.
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, informed the Commissioners that website revisions have been made to better identify public art projects by year and with photographs of finished projects. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the revision efforts.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper left the meeting.

ITEM 7. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input received.

ITEM 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

HANDOUTS – September 15, 2009 Meeting

- o September 15, 2009 Meeting Agenda
- o August 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Item 4