

MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Marie Davis, Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Lyle Pudwill, and Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ceca Cooper, Jerry Hauck

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Sorenson – Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 Chairperson Pudwill deemed the regular agenda approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the September 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Ann Marie Davis indicated that for ITEM 5, page 2 of the meeting minutes, that she recalled initial discussion also included the idea of incorporating fountains and water features into the streetscape design, particularly near the Holiday Inn City Centre. Commissioner Davis indicated that she would like the September 15, 2009, meeting minutes to reflect that discussion.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to reflect such discussion that for ITEM 5, page 2, an additional comment - #9 to read:

#9 Incorporating fountains, or water features, into the 8th Street streetscape design, particularly near the Holiday Inn City Centre site.

Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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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.

Russ Sorenson explained that he has communicated the Commission's initial discussion ideas to the Public Works Director, Mark Cotter, and to City Engineer, Chad Huwe. Such ideas include:

- being visionary for 8th Street – from Minnesota Avenue, east to Cliff Avenue;
- providing artistic components and expression of the new streetscape which includes distinctive and identifiable markings, water features and 8th Street bridge accents;
- encouraging landscaped street medians – separating traffic-(ie: E 26th Street; E 57th Street);
- extending the Phillips Ave themes of similar street furniture, benches, banners, lighting, onto 8th Street;
- creating spaces / niches for future placement of visual art, sculptures, planting of small garden areas, provisions for pedestrian seating, etc.;
- extending the “prairie vegetation theme” (grasses) from Cherapa Place onto segments of 8th Street;
- 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?
- affording a public involvement and participation forum for adjacent property and business owners, Visual Arts Commission, Sioux Falls Beautiful and Whittier Neighborhood.

City Engineering expressed their appreciation for the Commission's initial input and encouraged the Commission to continue developing visual art design ideas for the 8th Street Improvement Project to present at future project meetings.

Russ Sorenson commented that Stockwell Engineering has been selected as the city's engineering consultant for the 8th Street Improvement project. Russ Sorenson mentioned the engineering consultant would be scheduling and facilitating future public meetings for the project, and that he would keep the Commission informed of the meetings.

The Commission consensus was that each commissioner would gather information and construct illustrative ideas and then submit to Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson. Russ will then forward the Commissioners information submittals to Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves, for further illustrative development. The Commission will then review their information and illustrative ideas at their next month's meeting held in November.

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.

Russ Sorenson explained that on the exterior walls of the existing concession stands there are colorful sketch line diagrams on black background panels that depict various ballgame scenes.

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Commissioners discussed the idea of placing visual art at the park entryways. Commissioners expressed they would like Parks and Recreation reps to provide them with information about: available funding and timeline for the project; what the Parks Board envisions for art theme

within the park area and their expectations from the Visual Arts Commission. Russ Sorenson indicated that he would communicate the Commission's request for additional information to the Parks and Recreation Director. A subcommittee of Commissioners (Etten, Hauck, Kealey) was established.

ITEM 7. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) Artistic Bicycle Racks Promotion Subcommittee Update (Hauck, Cooper, Kealey)
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, mentioned that he had provided a DRAFT brochure that included the selected designs for the artistic bicycle rack project. The brochure would be used to assist the commissioners with marketing the bicycle racks for sponsorship by local business, civic and service club organizations. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for staff's effort on preparing the DRAFT brochure and recommended darkening the line quality for the designs and eliminating the associated notes. Russ acknowledged the Commission's recommendation and indicated that work would continue on the brochure.
- b) Sculpture Placements
 - 1) "Going Home" Sculpture Dedication - Sat., Nov 7, 2009, 1:00 pm, Veterans Memorial Park. Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, reminded the Commissioners of the sculpture dedication.
 - 2) "I've Been Kissed" Sculpture @ Outdoor Campus of Sertoma Park
Russ Sorenson stated the resolution for the sculpture has been drafted and is tentatively scheduled to be considered by the City Council on November 16.
 - 3) "Circle of Friends" Sculpture @ Orpheum Theatre
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 - 4) Orpheum Theater Court Yard (Subcommittee - Etten and Kealey)
Russ Sorenson indicated that a subcommittee meeting with Orpheum Theater officials is scheduled for Oct. 22nd.
- c) 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.

ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input received.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

HANDOUTS – September 15, 2009 Meeting

- o October 20, 2009 Meeting Agenda
- o September 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Item 4