

MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
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; Anita Kealey; Doug Moss; Lyle Pudwill; Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Brunick (Sioux Falls School District), Dave Syverson and Don Vought (Syverson Tile), Nan Baker & Baby Daughter (Sioux Falls Arts Council); Russ Sorenson (VAC Staff Liaison, Planning Office)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Commission Vice Chairperson, Ann Marie Davis, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2. WEL COME & INTRODUCTIONS

Ann Marie 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 no changes, she deemed the regular meeting agenda approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the March 20, 2012, Meeting Minutes.

Vice Chairperson Ann Marie Davies requested a motion to approve the March 20, 2012, meeting minutes. Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner, Lary Etten, seconded the motion. The motion to approve the March 20, 2012 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lyle Pudwill arrived at the meeting.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on "Raven Augury" Sculpture Placement

Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, presented information about the proposed placement of Raven Augury sculpture. Russ explained this sculpture, created by sculpture artist Gary Monaco from Colorado, was selected as the "Best of Show" in SculptureWalk 2005. The sculpture was purchased Raven Industries and donated to the City of Sioux Falls in 2006. In March 2006, both the Visual Arts Commission and the City Council approved this sculpture placement along the greenway bike trail across the river from Raven Industries. Due to the city's recent relocation

of the sanitary sewer and the river greenway project a new location is needed. The Raven Augury sculptures consists of five (5) lack metal ravens placed on a historic light pole with four branch arms extending out. The new proposed location is along the west bank of the river greenway, between 6th and 8th Streets and just west of the new pedestrian river bridge. The new location would also be closer to Raven Industries. Russ indicated that the Parks and Recreation Department staff will be considering this sculpture placement request too.

Commissioners expressed no objections to the new location. There was no public input received. Commissioner Ceca Cooper recommended approval of the new placement location for the Raven Augury Sculpture to be located along the west bank of the river greenway, between 6th and 8th Streets and just west of the new pedestrian river bridge. Commissioner Lary Etten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anita Kealy arrived at the meeting.

ITEM 6. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) VAC Update on Bike Smart Project www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart
- 1) 8th & RR Center – Paper Clip
Russ mentioned that the “Paper Clip” bike rack to be placed at 8th & Railroad Center has yet to be installed by the owner. Russ indicated that he would continue to keep the Commissioners updated on this project and asked the Commissioners to continue working with the business community for other future Bike Smart locations.
 - 2) Kilian Community College
Russ Sorenson explained that Kilian Community College is interested in an artistic bike rack for their campus site. Commissioner Doug Moss has been assisting with this project. The college would like to brand their logo as part of the bike rack design. Commissioner Doug Moss mentioned that Quality Welding Manufacturing, has been contacted to provide a bid estimate for the project that can be presented to Kilian Community College. Doug and Russ indicated they would continue to keep the Commissioners updated on this potential project
 - 3) Bike Smart PSA
The VAC’s volunteer subcommittee (Commissioners Etten, Moss, and Cooper) was established to work with CityLink (Channel 16) staff on constructing a public service announcement about the city’s Bike Smart program. Discussion ensued about having a Channel 16 segment done that explains the role and responsibilities and projects of the Visual Arts Commission. In this forum format, perhaps the Bike Smart Program could be integrated into the Channel 16 segment. Russ mentioned that a meeting with CityLink staff would be held and that he would report back to the Commissioners at their next meeting in May.
- b) VAC Subcommittee Update – Establishment of a Visual Arts Maintenance Program.
- 1) Comments from Community Youth Mosaic Wall Organizers
Guests Lisa Brunick (SF School District), Dave Syverson and Don Vought (Syverson Tile) were invited by the Commissioners to discuss maintenance options for the existing Community Youth Mosaic Wall located along River Road. According to Don Vought the shifting of tiles was fixed last year by increasing joint section spacing. There is a leaching problem from the motars used during the project’s three work phases. Moisture runs over the top of the wall. During the times of thawing and freezing this creates efflorescent /leaching onto the tile wall surface and down into the concrete sections.

Commissioners expressed wanting to know what are the best maintenance solutions and associated costs to maintain the beautiful artistic mosaic wall. Corrective action options mentioned by Syverson Tile representatives include:

- 1) placing a metal cap with ridge over the wall;
- 2) replacing the existing cap stones with a precast material that has a ridge form.

Short term maintenance that includes continued annual wall scrubbing done twice a year would be ongoing would be very expensive. Long term maintenance would cost less with an installation of a concrete capstone with ridge top.

Commissioners mentioned that they want to be advocates for a resolution option to best minimize maintenance for the mosaic tile wall. To curtail long term maintenance for the wall, the Commissioners requested Syverson Tile representatives to consider helping them gather more information by providing an action plan and cost estimate to the Commission. Such information can then be presented to city officials

for their further consideration as part of the city's budget process and give everyone a better understanding of a solution. Syverson Tile representatives acknowledged the Commission's request and expressed they would conduct further research and provide their findings and associated cost estimate information to the commission. Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation to the Community Youth Mosaic Wall organizers for their community volunteerism and dedicated efforts to beautify downtown Sioux Falls.

2) Status of IT Database Project

Russ Sorenson reported that City IT staff have almost completed construction of a detailed data base framework to begin inputting information.

Staff Note: City Planning staff has begun to input information into the data base. A draft of the inventory may be available for the Commission's review at the next meeting in May 2012.

c) VAC Update on R F Pettigrew Sculpture – Darwin Wolf

Russ Sorenson reported no updates were received from Sculptor, Darwin Wolf, regarding the R F Pettigrew sculpture and planned dedication which is tentatively scheduled for May 2012.

d) VAC Updates from Sioux Falls Arts Council – Nan Baker

1) Whittier Neighborhood – Meldrum Park Project

Nan Baker, Executive Director for the Sioux Falls Arts Council, informed the Commission the Arts Council's funding request from the Sioux Empire United Way for the Whittier Neighborhood's Meldrum Park mural project was not received. Other potential funding opportunities continue to be explored for the project. The mural project may be a 2013 project.

2) Airport Art Project

Nan Baker explained that Arts Council staff has been working with the Airport Authority Board on implementing a welcoming indoor art exhibit. The project involves a rotating art exhibit and will also include a brochure about South Dakota's own Joe Foss.

3) New Location for Sioux Falls Arts Council

Nan Baker mentioned the Arts Council office has recently relocated from the Washington Pavilion to the Crane Center, 1st Floor, on 8th Street. The new location provides more office and meeting space and is located within the East Bank arts area. The Arts Council has a five year lease on this office space location.

Nan Baker also informed the Commissioners that staff person, Micha Luke, no longer is employed by the Arts Council.

Follow events and activities of the Sioux Falls Arts Council at <http://www.artssiouxfalls.org/>.

e) Website Updates - Completed

ITEM 7. ELECTION of Officers for 2012

The Commissioners acknowledged that more than half of the Commission membership will change by the end of 2012 due to the term limits set for Commissioner Reaves (September 2012) and Commissioners Etten, Kealey, and Pudwill (December 2012). The Commissioners expressed their desire to keep the same officers for the remainder of 2012. A new election of offices could be held with new members in 2013. There were no objections expressed. No action taken.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business received or discussed by the Commission.

ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no further public input received.

ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 9:00 am Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street, Sioux Falls SD

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

HANDOUTS – March 20, 2012 Meeting

- o April 17, 2012 Agenda
- o March 20, 2012 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Items 4 and 5