



**MEETING MINUTES**  
for the  
**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Carnegie Town Hall**  
235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nan Baker; Ceca Cooper; Ann Marie Davis, Larry Ling;  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Clara Jacob (excused); Larry Crane (excused);  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chad Huwe (City Engineer); Tory Miedema (Park Development Specialist); Russ Sorenson (VAC Staff Liaison, Planning Office)

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION**

Commission Chairperson Ann Marie Davis called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Commission Chairperson Ann Marie Davis welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Larry Ling seconded the motion. The motion to approve the June 18, 2013 regular meeting agenda passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the March 19 and April 9 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis requested a motion to approve both the March 19, 2013, and April 9, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 19 and April 9, 2013 meetings. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion to approve both the March 19, 2013, and April 9, 2013, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES-** (Sioux Falls Arts Council)

a) Whittier Neighborhood / Meldrum Park Mural Project.

Commissioner, Nan Baker, updated the Commission that wall preparation will begin next week by muralist apprentice Nate Buchholz. Mural painting by professional muralists Dave Lowenstein and Ashley Laird, along with Whittier Neighborhood residents and school students will begin the weekend of July 6 and 7, 2013.



The existing wall in Meldrum Park



Proposed Mural Design

- b) Development of Community Arts and Cultural Plan  
Commissioner, Nan Baker, explained the Sioux Falls Arts Council will be making their final consultant selection within the next 30–60 days and begin work on developing a Cultural Arts Plan for the City of Sioux Falls. The 1999 Cultural Plan will be reviewed initially, and then a new plan will be developed. A local steering committee will be established to help guide the Cultural Plan process.

Russ Sorenson mentioned that representation from the 2013 Visual Arts Commission will be welcomed on the steering committee. He noted that Ceca Cooper and former Commission members, Lary Etten and Doug Moss, expressed previous interest in serving on the steering committee.

- c) Other?  
Nan Baker announced that Tim Hoheisel, Executive Director for the Sioux Falls Arts Council has resigned to pursue other career opportunities. Nan assured the Commission that Sioux Falls Arts Council will continue to be a viable and strong organization for all the arts in Sioux Falls. The Sioux Falls Arts Board will be meeting soon to evaluate leadership options, forward their mission, look for opportunities, and strengthen community partnerships to bring the arts alive in Sioux Falls. Nan Baker stated that during the transition, she will be serving as interim Executive Director for the Sioux Falls Arts Commission.

There was no further items presented for discussion.

**ITEM 6. REVIEW of 2013-2017 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) project opportunities for consideration to incorporate artistic design and visual art elements.**

Invited Guest(s):

- o Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation, Parks Projects
- o Chad Huwe, City Engineer, Public Works Projects

Link to 2013-2017 CIP - <http://www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/finance/2012/2013-2017-Capital-Program.pdf>

Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist, was present to present a Parks and Recreation CIP project opportunity for consideration to incorporate artistic design and visual arts elements. Mr. Miedema stated that Lyon

Park, located at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Phillips Avenue is slated for improvements in 2014. A master planning process for the park is underway that has included the All Saints Neighborhood residents and Sioux Falls citizens. Mr. Miedema explained that several neighborhood meetings have been held and the development of a Lyon Park Master Plan, incorporates neighborhood ideas and preferences. Mr. Miedema distributed a Draft master Plan concept for Lyon Park improvements to the Commissioners. The master plan addresses pedestrian access, historic lighting, new plaza landscaping and planting areas, new picnic shelter with drinking fountain, new underground irrigation throughout the park, park signage, and the preservation of the existing cannon monument in central park area, and Lyon House foundation footprint in the south end of the park area. A Joe Hooker replica sculpture (Civil War Soldier) opportunity location will also be provided. Mr. Miedema mentioned that perhaps the Commission may want to assist with a call for art or jury the sculpture artwork. The master plan will be presented at the next All Saints Neighborhood meeting to be held on Monday, June 24, 2013.

Commissioners expressed satisfaction that All Saints Neighborhood was active in the master planning process and that certain historic elements of Lyon Park (cannon monument, Lyon House foundation footprint, and a Joe Hooker sculpture (Civil War soldier) were being preserved. Some Commissioners inquired about the Joe Hooker replica sculpture and its appropriateness in the park. Some commissioners felt that perhaps there is a park story disconnect with the proposed sculpture and that Veterans Park may be a more appropriate location for the Civil War soldier sculpture.

Chad Huwe, City Engineer, was present to present Public Works Engineering CIP project opportunities for consideration to incorporate artistic design and visual arts elements. Mr. Huwe provided information on the following projects:

#### 2014 CIP Projects

- 8<sup>th</sup> & Cliff – City has recently acquired the Flower Box business to allow for realignment of the 8<sup>th</sup> street Intersection;
- Minnesota Ave Corridor Plan – City proposes a planning process to improve Minnesota Avenue from the Airport to Downtown;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 14<sup>th</sup> Street - City proposes to rebuild 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, beginning at Fawick Park;
- Bridges and over passes - recently 41<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge, and the overpasses located on 57<sup>th</sup> Street and 69<sup>th</sup> Street incorporated artistic design elements. The next overpass planned is 85<sup>th</sup> & I-29. Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge was 100 years old in 2012. Bridge reconstruction and along with installation of new lighting to accent bridge features will occur in about five (5) years.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to both guests in presenting possible opportunities to consider incorporation of visual arts elements in the design process for their respective CIP projects. Both guests stated their willingness to continue to consider city projects that could incorporate visual art elements in the future. No further action was taken on this item.

## ITEM 7. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

### a) City- owned Sculptures and 2013 Maintenance Program Update

Russ Sorenson explained the city's consultant, Rosa Lowinger & Associates, Los Angeles, California is in town and beginning to conduct visual art inspections, assessments and maintenance for the city's artworks inventory consisting of 38 artworks. The firm has over 30 years of professional experience in the care of outdoor sculpture and works of art from around the world. The City entered into a three-year contract with Rosa Lowinger & Associates, with annual renewal available for up to an additional two years. The City has an annual budget of \$25,000 for the maintenance program. The assessment and condition survey work is scheduled to begin this June 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. One local conservation technician, Darwin Wolf, sculptor, has been hired to assist with the project.

The city's website link to view the interactive map depicting city owned public art is:

<http://www.siouxfalls.org/central-services/city-owned-art.aspx>

b) Sculpture Placements

Russ Sorenson provided updates on the following projects:

- 1) 2013 SculptureWalk Program – Successfully completed 55 new installations on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- 2) R.F. Pettigrew Sculpture @ 5<sup>th</sup> & Phillips Ave – Dedication held May 17<sup>th</sup> (*Darwin Wolf, Sculptor*)
- 3) People’s Choice Awards Placements - To be Determined  
2010- Flower Dancing in the Wind; 2011- Hey Mary Lou, Blindside; 2012- Daughters of Peace;

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, informed the commission that in 2013, until permanent placements are determined, that *Flower Dancing in the Wind* sculpture and *Hey Mary Lou, Blindside*, sculptures will continue to be temporarily placed in front of the Great Outdoor Store, and at the west end of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct, respectively. *Daughters of Peace* sculpture will be temporarily stored until a permanent placement is determined.

c) BikeSmart Program – Update [www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart](http://www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart)

Brochure Link – [http://www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/bikesmart/bikesmart\\_catalog\\_r.pdf?item=m](http://www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/bikesmart/bikesmart_catalog_r.pdf?item=m)

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, explained the BikeSmart Program to the commission. Although four bike racks have been sighted in the downtown area, more proactive marketing to the public and for site sponsorships is needed. Commissioner Clara Jacob inquired as to how the program could be more successful.

d) Website Updates – Completed

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, informed the commissioners their monthly website updates were completed.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business presented or discussed.

**ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no public comments received.

**ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETINGS –**

- **Regular Meeting** Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, SFSD

**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

HANDOUTS – February 19, 2013 Meeting

- o June 18, 2013 Agenda
- o March 19 and April 9, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- o Item 6 - DRAFT Concept Plan for Lyon Park - Parks & Rec

For further information about the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission visit their Website Page  
<http://www.siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission.aspx>