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MEETING MINUTES

for the

SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

9:00 a.m.

Sioux Falls Arts Council Office
326 E 8th Street, Suite 106
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nan Baker; Steve Brummond; Larry Ling; and Ivy Oland
MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Crane - Excused; Clara Jacob - Excused; and Vandhana Baireddy - Excused
OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Sideras (Fire Chief – SFFR); Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet (SF Firefighters Benevolent Foundation); Darwin Wolf (Sculptor); and Russ Sorenson (VAC Staff Liaison, Planning Office)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Commission Chairperson, Larry Ling, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Larry Ling, welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson, Larry Ling, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners express no changes to the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the regular agenda. Commissioner Nan Baker seconded the motion. The motion to approve the November 18, 2014 regular meeting agenda passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the October 21, 2104 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Larry Ling, requested a motion to approve both the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. The motion to approve the October 21, 2014 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Review & Action on a Proposed Sculpture Placement

a) 2015 "Timeless Vigilance", @ Sioux Falls Fire Rescue (SFFR) Headquarters 2820 S. Minnesota Avenue

Guests Jim Sideras (Fire Chief – SFFR), Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet (SF Firefighters Benevolent Foundation), and Darwin Wolf (Sculptor), explained the proposed sculpture design and placement concept. Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet, representing the Sioux Falls Firefighters Benevolent Foundation, mentioned the private foundation has commissioned Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, to sculpt a life size bronze of two vintage 1910 firefighters (one rookie and one veteran) which pays tribute to Sioux Falls firefighters service – past - present and future. The proposed sculpture will measure approximately 6'5" in height, 5'3" in width, 7'2" in length and weigh 500 lbs. The sculpture would be placed on an concrete base, accent up lighting, and placed within the landscaped sculpture plaza. A small marker identifying the sculpture and explaining its significance would also be placed on the grounds.

The Applicants mentioned they are working with a local landscape architectural firm on the proposed design for the landscape sculpture plaza area to be located on the south side of the existing SFFR Headquarters. Chief Sideras commented the sculpture plaza area will include approximately 600 names of Sioux Falls firefighters that will be recognized and honored for their dedicative service to Sioux Falls. Sculpture plaza landscaping would consist of ornamental grasses and other low-maintenance perennials. Anticipated project costs total \$200,000.

Chief Sideras explained although project completion date is dependent on fundraising, they would like to unveil the finished sculpture within the plaza area during the month of June 2015 – a time that commemorates the 135th Firefighter Anniversary. Fire chiefs from across the nation will be present in Sioux Falls for this anniversary event.

Relative to future sculpture maintenance, Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, stated it would be minimal as the finished sculpture would be sprayed with a lacquer finish that would last 25-40 years. Mr. Wolf recommended that annual maintenance include an annual wash and wax that would take approximately two (2) hours to complete and cost would range from \$100 – 200 per year. Chief Sideras mentioned that SF Fire Rescue staff would assist with maintenance of the sculpture and landscaped plaza area.

Commission discussion ensued about the proposed vintage sculpture design and recommended the sculpture orientation be in a southeast direction within the plaza area to maximize the sculpture's side view to the general public. Commissioners offered other suggestions regarding proposed up lighting, adequate plaza materials to allow accessibility for all, and incorporating low maintenance landscape plant materials that would enhance the sculpture and its placement.

Due to upcoming fundraising efforts, the Applicants requested the Commissioners consider favorable action on the proposed sculpture design and placement orientation. In turn, the Commission requested an opportunity to review the final sculpture placement and plaza design at the next Commission Meeting (December 16, 2014). The Applicant agreed to provide a more finalized sculpture placement and plaza design for the Commission's next meeting.

Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the proposed "Timeless Vigilance" sculpture design as presented, with the sculpture orientation facing in a southeast general direction. Included in the motion is to allow the Commission an opportunity to review the proposed sculpture placement and plaza design at the next Commission Meeting (December 16, 2014). Commissioner Nan Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - (*Sioux Falls Arts Council*)

a) Cultural Plan

Nan Baker explained that a 15 member steering committee has been formed to help guide cultural plan implementation. Two subcommittees of the steering committee have been established – 1) Funding; and 2) Marketing/Branding - private/public partnership development and available community opportunities.

b) Other?

There were no other updates provided.

ITEM 7. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

a) Sculpture/Artwork Placement Subcommittee -

People's Choice Awards Placements to be determined - 2012- Daughters of Peace; 2013 – Farmer; and 2014 - World's Her Canvas

Commissioner Steve Brummond commented that since the last VAC meeting the volunteer subcommittee (Commissioners Brummond, Ling, and Oland) met to review and discuss potential public space locations for the remaining People's Choice Award sculpture placements.

Potential locations include:

- 2012 - *Daughters of Peace* – Indoors within a city-owned building;
- 2013 – *Farmer* – Farmers Market Area at Falls Park
- 2014 - *World's Her Canvas* – *Washington Pavilion, along Main Avenue*

Commissioner Brummond mentioned the VAC subcommittee would like to receive a list of city-owned building sites for future sculpture/art placement. Russ Sorenson acknowledged the subcommittee's request.

Website link for map of existing city-owned building facilities -

<http://cityofsfqis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=1457cbf534cf46f0b4ee340edcfe4a19&webmap=28ebd99cb9134910939e665387aafc34>

- b) Bike Smart – Design Updates
www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart

Brochure Link - <http://www.siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/public-art/public-art-projects/2010/bikesmart.aspx>

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, commented that given recent inquiries received about expanding the number of artistic bike rack designs for the Bike Smart Program that perhaps VAC may want to consider conducting a new call or art during the upcoming winter months. Russ mentioned Live Well Sioux Falls initiative has really assisted with marketing the Bike Smart Program and placing new artistic bike racks within the business community and that they should be included in any program updates. Russ also reminded the VAC the city website includes information about the current Bike Smart Program and it would need to be updated with any addition of new design options. Russ suggested the VAC form a subcommittee to explore conducting a new call for art for the Bike Smart Program. Russ stated that he would provide the commissioners with information about the current Bike Smart Program for their review prior to establishing a subcommittee.

- c) Website Updates – Completed

ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT

No further input from the public was received.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall located at 235 W 10th Street, in Sioux Falls, SD.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Items added after the agenda deadline: The Visual Arts Commission may include such other business as may come before this body.

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HANDOUTS – November 18, 2014 Meeting

- o November 18, 2014 Agenda
- o October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- o Item 5 – Proposed Sculpture Placement – “Timeless Vigilance”

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<http://www.siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission.aspx>