



MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
March 17, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Carnegie Town Hall – 235 W 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vandhana Baireddy; Larry Ling; Clara Jacob; and Ivy Oland
MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Brummond (excused); Larry Crane (excused);
OTHERS PRESENT: Katrina Lehr-McKinney (All Saints Neighborhood); Jim Clark (SculptureWalk); Dustin Powers, Economic Development; Ann Thompson SFAC); 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 9:02 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Larry Ling, welcomed the Commissioners and guests. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson, Larry Ling, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners expressed no changes to the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the regular agenda as presented. Commissioner Vandhana Baireddy seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the February 17, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Larry Ling, requested a motion to approve the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Clara Jacob made a motion to approve the meeting minutes presented. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. The motion to approve the February 17, 2015 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on “Effortlessly Buoyant” Sculpture Placement at Lyons Park (14th Street & Phillips Ave.)

Guests: All Saints Neighborhood Representative and Jim Clark, Executive Director for SculptureWalk
Katrina Lehr-McKinney (All Saints Neighborhood) and Jim Clark (SculptureWalk), presented a neighborhood proposal to place a steel sculpture, known as “Effortlessly Buoyant”, by sculpture Gregory Mendez, within the redeveloped Lyon Park within the All Saints Neighborhood. The sculpture measures 7' in height, and is 2.5' in width, and 3' in length. This sculpture would be leased for one year by the All Saints Neighborhood Association from SculptureWalk. The All Saints Neighborhood would be responsible for the lease funding. The sculpture would be situated in Lyon Park and placed by SculptureWalk volunteers at the southeast corner of 14th Street and Phillips Avenue on an existing 55” quartzite pedestal. There would be no expense to the City Of Sioux Falls.

Russ Sorenson explained that several city departments including: Human Services – ADA Accessibility Review Board; Public Works – Engineering; Risk Management; Planning and Parks & Recreation; all conducted their respective reviews and are supportive of the proposed sculpture and placement.

There was no further discussion or public input received. Commissioner Vandhana Baireddy made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed sculpture, as presented. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Note:

On March 17, 2015 the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Board considered the neighborhood sculpture proposal and unanimously recommended approval of the proposed sculpture, “Effortlessly Buoyant”, as presented.

ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on “Invariete Concordia Sculpture Removal from North Phillips Avenue

Guest: Dustin Powers, Economic Development Coordinator

Dustin Powers, Economic Development Coordinator for the City OF Sioux Falls, stated in 2008 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 60-08, authorizing placement and installation of the visual art wall titled “In Varietate Concordia” (*United in Diversity*). This artwork is currently located on city property (Block 4, Phillips to the Falls Addition to the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, South Dakota), along the west side of North Phillips Avenue.



Mr. Powers explained the subject property has been authorized for sale per city Ordinance #23-15 to a private party for future office development. Pursuant to the terms of the sale, the City is required to remove “In Varietate Concordia” from the property. He stated the sculpture would be stored indoors on city property until further recommendation is considered by the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission.

Mr. Powers also mentioned the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission serves as the City’s liaison with artists and advises on any proposed alteration, removal, or destruction of visual art projects, statutes, monuments, or memorials in city parks or on city property.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners. Commissioners recognize that future land development opportunities along Phillips Avenue exist. The Commissioners also acknowledged that Phillips Avenue serves as a significant Downtown arts and cultural connector, between two city parks – Lyon Park and Falls Park – that function as important Downtown open space bookends. Commissioners expressed their strong desire to maintain and enhance arts and culture opportunities along the entire Phillips Avenue street segment.

There was no further discussion or public input received.

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Commissioner Clara Jacob made a motion to recommend approval for the removal of the “Invariete Concordia” sculpture from its current location along North Phillips Avenue, and for the artwork to be stored until further recommendation from the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission is authorized. Commissioner Vandhana Baireddy seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM 7. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - *(Welcome Ann McKay Thompson, Transition Executive Director, Sioux Falls Arts Council)*

- a) Sioux Falls Arts Council Transition
- b) Cultural Plan Implementation
- c) Other?

Chairperson Larry Ling welcomed Ann McKay Thompson, Transition Executive Director for the Sioux Falls Arts Council (SFAC), to present an update about the Sioux Falls Arts Council to the Visual Arts Commission. Ann Thompson reported the biggest 2014 accomplishment achieved by the SFAC was completing the Sioux Falls Imagined – A Cultural Plan for a Vibrant and Prosperous City and presenting such plan to the Sioux Falls Arts Council and City of Sioux Falls City Council for adoption by Resolution #76-14 on July 1, 2014.

Ann Thompson explained the Sioux Falls Arts Council is within a progressive transition phase. This transition will include building organizational capacity to implement the seven long range goals and associated objectives of the plan. Cultural Plan goals address:

- Goal 1. Arts Education and Youth Development
Provide lifelong school and community based access to quality arts education opportunities in Sioux Falls.
- Goal 2. Arts Funding and Support
Develop a broad base of sustainable funding to support Sioux Falls’ nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.
- Goal 3. Economic / Community Development and Cultural Tourism
Create an environment of culture and creativity that supports robust economic growth in the greater Sioux Falls area and helps develop and attract skilled, talented, and educated workers and businesses employing them.
- Goal 4. Audience Development, Access and Diversity
Welcome all people to cultural programs in a City that is recognized for and appreciative of culture’s power to build community.
- Goal 5. Artists and Creative Workers
Create an environment in Sioux Falls where artists and creative workers may thrive.
- Goal 6. Cultural Facilities and Public Art
Enhance Sioux Falls public art and cultural facilities.
- Goal 7. Arts Leadership and Coordination
Represent the cultural sector and coordinate implementation of the cultural plan.

Ann Thompson mentioned that currently staffing for the SFAC is comprised of part time and volunteers. It is important for all within the community to work as a unit and to identify their roles so that everyone can contribute. The SFAC looks forward to serving as the umbrella organization for arts and culture within our community. Ann Thompson stated the importance of viewing and considering Sioux Falls arts and culture within our community as major industry, rather than single events. Our Sioux Falls arts and culture community deserves national recognition. Ann Thompson referenced the 2012 economic study of local non-profit arts and culture organizations and their audiences in the greater Sioux Falls area contributing \$35 million to the economy.

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Ann Thompson explained the SFAC advisory board leadership endeavors include: a) building partnerships with the business community with a strong presence. Developing an arts a culture calendar that helps strengthen deliverables for quality of life and enhances recruitment efforts being done by Forward Sioux Falls and the Convention & Visitors Bureau organizations; b) building relationships and partnerships with the arts community by creating a thriving creative workers environment and artist association; c) building marketing platforms by pooling community resources to study, gather, launch initiatives that target local, regional, and national markets supporting our community arts and culture.

There was no further discussion or public input received. There was no final action taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

ITEM 8. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

a) Review and Action on Bike Smart Subcommittee Update

As a follow up to last month's meeting, subcommittee members, Commissioners Ivy Oland and Vandhana Baireddy, commented the BikeSmart Subcommittee will soon meet with Mary Michaels and Stan Kogan (Health Dept., Live Well Sioux Falls), to develop an implementation strategy and review general bike rack guidelines provided by DERO Bike Racks. There is some remaining Wellmark grant funding available (approx.. \$8500 – \$9,000) to assist with sponsorship cost matching for bike rack placements. The immediate need is to use the funding dollars. A subsequent need to is provide sustainability for the program.

The subcommittee is looking at conducting a design charrette and inviting local artists, bike enthusiasts, fabricators to initiate a bike rack design that could be fabricated and mass produced using the grant dollars. The subcommittee would like to have various community groups have ownership in the design, fabrication and placement of the bike racks. There was no further discussion or public input received.

b) Review and Action on Sculpture/Artwork Placement Subcommittee Update

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

Chairperson, Larry Ling, indicated the sculpture placement subcommittee would meet again soon on potential locations on public grounds and facilities. There was no further discussion or public input received.

c) Website Updates – Completed

ITEM 9. REVIEW & ACTION on 2015 Work Program

Russ Sorenson referenced the DRAFT 2015 Work Program that Commissioners have reviewed since December 2014. Russ mentioned he has not received any further review comments from the Commission.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed 2015 target items for their work program. For the Cultural Plan Implementation target item, Commissioners expressed their interest in hearing from the Sioux Falls Arts Council representative about five (5) action steps that the Visual Arts Commission can be involved with for assisting with Cultural Plan implementation. Also, the Commissioners mentioned the importance of determining permanent sculpture placement locations for three (3) of the People's Choice Award sculptures. Chairperson, Larry Ling, indicated the sculpture placement subcommittee would meet again soon on potential locations on public grounds and facilities.

There was no further discussion or public input received. There was no final action taken by the Commission on the proposed 2015 Work Program.

ITEM 10. PUBLIC INPUT

No further input from the public was received.

ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street, SFSD

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 10:17 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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