



**MEETING MINUTES**  
for the  
**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
May 26, 2015  
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:** Vandhana Baireddy; Steve Brummond; Larry Crane; Larry Ling; Clara Jacob; Sandra Pay;  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ivy Oland (excused);  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chad Huwe, City Engineer (Public Works); Michael Patten, Park Development Specialist (Parks & Recreation); Mary Michaels, Healthy Community Specialist (Health Dept. and Live Well Sioux Falls); Kara Dirkson, Director Visual Arts Center (Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science); Larry Toll (Co- President of the Washington Pavilion); Sheila Agee (Washington Pavilion); 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. Each Commissioner and guest 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 Larry Crane made a motion to approve the regular agenda as presented. Commissioner Sandra Pay seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson, Larry Ling, requested a motion to approve the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes. Commissioner Clara Jacob made a motion to approve the meeting minutes presented. Commissioner Vandhana Baireddy seconded the motion. The motion to approve the April 21, 2015 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. Presentation of Potential CIP Projects to Incorporate Artistic Design Elements and/or Visual Art**

- a) Public Works – Guests: Chad Huwe – City Engineer  
Chad Huwe, City Engineer, explained there are several Public Works CIP project opportunities to incorporate artistic design elements and visual art. Projects range from bridge reconstruction, streetscape and lighting improvements.

Such future projects include:

- 2016 12<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Reconstruction (Two Phases 2015 & 2016 - bridge design is complete)
- 2017 Road Projects including: Louise Avenue from 41<sup>st</sup> Street to 49<sup>th</sup> Street; and 69<sup>th</sup> Street & Western Avenue
- 2019 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Improvements & Lighting;  
Phillips Avenue, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Streets;  
Indiana and Franklin Avenues, from 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Streets;

Several commissioners expressed their interest to offer review and input during the front end of the design phases for these types of Public Works projects. The Visual Arts Commissioners encouraged consideration to enhance more visual beauty and aesthetics for public facilities/structures and streetscapes. Chad Huwe, City Engineer, expressed his appreciation for the Visual Arts Commission's interest and acknowledged their request to be informed and provide input during the design phase(s) about future city projects. Public Works staff and the Commissioner's staff liaison(s) will continue to work together to keep the Visual Arts Commission engaged on future Public Works projects.

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

- b) Parks & Recreation - Guest: Michael Patten – Park Development Specialist  
Michael Patten, Park Development Specialist with Parks and Recreation, presented several city park redevelopment opportunities to incorporate artistic design elements and visual art. CIP park projects include:

Veterans Memorial Park (1021 W Bailey St) - 2016 construction of a linear plaza space and installation of a P51 Mustang Airplane;

Phase III River Greenway (Downtown) – 2017 preliminary design with construction slated to begin in 2018;

Van Eps Park (300 N Minnesota Ave) – preliminary design possibly in 2017 or 2018, with construction planned in 2018;

Upper Terrace Park (1100 W 4th St) – 2019 design of walking pathways and gardens with construction intended in 2020.

Several commissioners expressed their interest to offer review and input during the front end of the design phases for these types of Parks and Recreation projects. The Visual Arts Commissioners encouraged “bringing the arts alive” within the city park system and encourage visual beauty and aesthetics for public facilities/structures, park benches, playgrounds, picnic areas, bike racks along the trail system, planting areas/gardens, utility boxes, sculpture gardens, and visual artwork placements.

Michael Patten, Park Development Specialist, expressed his appreciation for the Visual Arts Commission's interest and acknowledged their request to be informed and provide input during the design phase(s) about future city projects. Parks and Recreation staff and the Commissioner's staff liaison(s) will continue to work together to keep the Visual Arts Commission engaged on future park development opportunities.

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

#### **ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on Sculpture Placements**

- a) Sculpture/Artwork Placement Subcommittee Update  
*People's Choice Awards Placements to be determined - 2012- Daughters of Peace; 2013 – Farmer; 2014– World's Her Canvas*  
Larry Ling, VAC Chairperson, mentioned that since last month's meeting a few of the VAC's Site Selection Subcommittee members met to discuss sculpture placements. The subcommittee does not have a recommendation at this time. There was no final action taken by the Commission on this agenda item.

- b) Review and Action on Washington Pavilion Sculpture Placement Opportunities – Guests: Kara Dirkson, Mr. Larry Toll, and Sheila Agee

Mr. Larry Toll, introduced the other Washington Pavilion representatives – Kara Dirkson and Sheila Agee – to the Commission. Mr. Toll expressed the Pavilion is interested in working with the Visual Arts Commission on possible sculpture placements at the Washington Pavilion. Mr. Toll explained that an endowment has been established by the Paladino Family to provide significant improvements to the existing outdoor sculpture garden located on the north side of the Pavilion, and west of the existing amphitheater plaza area. The Pavilion's collection committee representatives are working with a local landscape architectural firm to redesign the sculpture garden area and improve visibility to the public. Project bids are anticipated in late 2015, with construction improvements slated in 2016.

Mr. Toll also mentioned the Pavilion representatives are particularly interested in placing the sculpture "*World's Her Canvas*" by sculptors, Lee Leuning and Sherry Treeby, at the Pavilion. Commissioners stated that another sculpture to consider for the Pavilion would be "*Daughters of Peace*", by sculptor Benjamin Victor. Commissioners stated this particular sculpture is delicate and would be an excellent indoor vs. outdoor sculpture placement.

Russ Sorenson provided the Washington Pavilion representatives with a document that depicts city-owned sculptures that are available for placement. He mentioned that he would continue to work with the Pavilion representatives and their selection committee on potential sculpture placements at the Washington Pavilion. The Pavilion representatives commented they would discuss sculpture placement options further and acknowledged they would continue to work with Russ and the VAC.

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

**ITEM 7. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - (Sandra Pay, Sioux Falls Arts Council representative)**

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

Commissioner Sandra Pay, announced that Ann Thompson, long-time educational leader in Pierre, and the current Sioux Falls Arts Council Transitional Executive Director, is one of nine named recently as this year's inductees to the South Dakota Hall of Fame. The SD Hall of Fame is the state's legislative Hall of Fame, in its 41st year. The mission is dedicated to "Championing a Culture of Excellence in South Dakota." Commissioners acknowledged their appreciation for Ann Thompson's leadership with the Sioux Falls Arts Council and within the State of South Dakota.

No further input from the public was received.

**ITEM 8. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES**

- a) Review and Action on Bike Smart Subcommittee Update

Russ Sorenson mentioned that BikeSmart Subcommittee members, comprised of Commissioners Ivy Oland and Vandhana Baireddy, and Mary Michaels and Stan Kogan (Health Dept., Live Well Sioux Falls), met 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 is to provide sustainability for the program.

Mary Michaels stated that she has been recently contacted by three (3) interested parties about installing bike racks. Mary will follow up and work with the Design Center to organize a bike rack design charrette for Monday, June 22, 2015. The subcommittee will invite local artists, bike enthusiasts, and 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. Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation to Mary Michaels and the subcommittee for their efforts to expand BikeSmart Program awareness.

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

b) Website Updates – Completed

**ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT**

Russ Sorenson shared an update about the “*Timeless Vigilance*” sculpture that the Firefighter group is continuing to conduct fundraising efforts. Sculptor artist, Darwin Wolf, continues to work on the clay mold to prepare for final casting.

**ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 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 10:24 a.m.

HANDOUTS – May 26, 2015 Meeting

- o May 26, 2015 Agenda
- o April 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- o SculptureWalk People’s Choice Awards 2010-2014