

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
September 19, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Carnegie Town Hall 235 W 10th Street Sioux Falls SD

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888) – Minutes by Albert Schmidt

MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Ling; Ivy Oland (Chairperson); Sandra Pay; Zach DeBoer; Larry Crane; Kellen Boice; James Zajicek;

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Daren Ketcham – Director Community Development (City Community Development Office); Dr. Wightman (sculptor), Rick Haugen (Welder/installer), Kelly Piacentino (Dental Clinic Manager); Albert Schmidt – fill-in VAC Staff Liaison (City Planning Office)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Commission Chairperson, Ivy Oland, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, welcomed the Visual Arts Commissioners (VAC) and guests. Attendees and Commissioners introduced themselves.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – September 19, 2017, meeting

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners asked to switch agenda items 5 and 6 on the regular meeting agenda, no objections from commissioners. Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the regular agenda as presented. Commissioner Larry Crane seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the regular agenda passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the August 15, 2017, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, requested a motion to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Larry Crane seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the August 15, 2017 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on Sculpture Placement(s)

- a) "Open Wide" by Dr. Wightman
Dr. Wightman, Sculptor, Rick Haugen, installer, and Kelly Piacentino, Dental Clinic Manager, Falls Community Health/Dental Clinic
Presenter(s): *Dr. Wightman*

Dr. Wightman, presented "Open Wide" sculpture project information to the Commissioners.

Dr. Wightman, explained the "Open Wide" sculpture represents years in practice, and reminds him of how people bring old experiences that they don't want to do but know that they are good for you to do. The child represents the child that is inside all of us and our desire to do only those things we want to do.

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Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, inquired if the pedestal for the installation is already done and ready. Dr. Wightman indicated it is already done and in the possession of Rick Haugen, the installer.

Zach DeBoer, VAC Vice-Chair, asked if they were worried about the piece toppling over. Rick Haugen, the installer, indicated that the piece will be mounted directed to the pedestal. Kelly Piacentino, Clinic Manager, informed that the pedestal would be secured to the floor of the building by County staff.

Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, questioned if the sculpture was going to be located on the 2nd floor of the clinic and where it would be located. Kelly Piacentino, Clinic Manager, confirmed the location would be in the southwest corner of the waiting room by the in/out door with mirrors installed around the room to allow staff to keep an eye on the sculpture. Larry Crane also asked the sculptor if the pieces was designed to be able to be touched. Dr. Wightman, Sculptor, confirmed the sculptor's ability to be touched and not break.

Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, asked if they would consider providing a wall placard to explain the meaning behind the sculpture to help provide some meaning to the piece. Kelly Piacentino, Clinic Manager, agreed that would be helpful.

Zach DeBoer, VAC Vice-Chair, wondered if better lighting could be provided for the sculpture space. Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, commented that new directional lighting would likely be needed to accommodate better lighting of the sculpture. Kelly Piacentino, Clinic Manager, thought that could be accomplished.

Commissioner Larry Crane made a motion to recommend approval for the "Open Wide" sculpture and its placement on the 2nd floor of the Fall Community Health/Dental Clinic location. Commissioner Zach DeBoer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. City Improvement Projects Presentation & Discussion

a) Daren Ketcham, Director Community Development, Economic Development

Daren Ketcham, Director of Community Development, introduced himself and gave background of how long he has been with community development and what the two dozen or so employees over three division are in charge of doing. Additionally, he explained the funding of the department, that most of their funds are pass through funds, and that the department budget is actually fairly small in his divisions. Public parking is an enterprise fund where all actions are funding through the collections of fees. The department doesn't typically handle lots of capital projects but is current working on a mixed use parking ramp to try and get more pedestrian activity at street level. They were also able to incorporate the sculptor "*Sundays with Jessie*" into a minor re-facing of the 1st Ave parking ramp at the same time the bus depot was being remodeled.

Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, asked if Daren can clarify the roll community development has in projects like the remodel of the old Dakota Railroads building at Phillips and 8th Street. Director Ketcham, Community Development, indicated that CD does not have any role in the building, but does work with partnering for the adjacent plaza and other projects such as the Lloyd development on North Phillips, to try and work on reasonable art inclusion.

Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, asked how the Lloyds conversation has gone, in regards to art inclusion. Director Ketcham, Community Development, indicated that no specific requirements of the number or locations for art in the sales agreement, but rather just to consider art. When tenant spaces are constructed it is more likely that art can be incorporated into those spaces.

Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, inquired if it would help if the VAC provided standards to help implement art (horizontal, vertical, lighting, etc.) into design. Director Ketcham, Community Development, said it could be of value but depending on the business it may not be feasible, maybe a better option would be to include it as a supporting documentation in the Downtown standards as a planning guide.

Kellen Boice, VAC Commissioner, asked how much retail was involved in the Lloyd project on Phillips Ave. Director Ketcham, Community Development, indicated there was about 20,000 square feet of commercial in that project. Kellen Boice, VAC Commissioner, also commented that she worried about available on street parking with the project and that without parking meters it also reduces the feeling of being downtown.

Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, commented that thinking back around ten years or so there have a few projects come through Downtown (Cherapa Place, Billion's buildings, hotels, lofts, etc.) and a few have had examples to include art. Sandra Pay, VAC Commissioner, added that when they talk about art they are not just talking about pictures and statues). Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, continued on to say that it appeared that there was very little effort to include public design and art in some projects around Downtown. Then Chairperson Oland asked if there were any other City examples for art inclusion. Director Ketcham, Community Development, was unable to provide any specific example but did indicate that there are some out there that tie requirements of sale or approval to workforce development standards, that may include art in some form or another.

Larry Crane, VAC Commissioner, commented on complete streets design and how they are working to try to include all experience along a roadway in design. And some of the areas available for "art" that can be found in older cities are the front door stoops, small ironed off grass areas in front of houses. Sandra Pay, VAC Commissioner, added that in Chicago they have rod iron gardens between either the house and sidewalk or sidewalk and street that create a unique feeling that improves the feeling for the property owner and pedestrians. Director Ketcham, Community Development, commented that planning should likely be involved due to what they do. Community development usually only gets involved when there are funding partnerships needed.

Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, commented that the last director of Community Development suggested that when the department evaluates new land proposals or other developments they would be open to including some added criteria to evaluate bids. Simple things can be done with plants, paint, etc. to enhance a building or area. Director Ketcham, Community Development, commented that those standards are not currently in their scoring of RFP's, and that in some projects (such as Lloyd's on Phillips) there's not much space left for green space in new development areas but that new bump outs in the right-of-way may be able to provide some of this space. Chairperson Oland asked if community development would add criteria. Director Ketcham did not thinking adding the criteria would be overall beneficial but that consideration on a case by case would be better. Chairperson Oland asked how the RFP scoring criteria was set. Director Ketcham, indicated that criteria depends on the project. Commissioner Crane then asked if they develop new criteria from scratch each time. Commissioner DeBoer asked if they just barrow criteria from similar projects. Director Ketcham replied that they do borrow from previous projects depending on the desired outcomes, such as density, open space, etc. Commissioner Pay, commented that there is a desire from the public to incorporate art into projects.

Zach DeBoer, VAC Commissioner, inquired into the railyard RFP and Lloyd's development on Phillips Avenue and who will be responsible for building the bump outs and sidewalk. Director Ketcham, Community Development, commented that there is no official deadline for announcing any details on the railyard but that they have stopped accepting new applications. That project will likely be developed in phases so that the office and commercial space don't cause a flood of open space in Downtown. The Lloyd project will see Lloyd pay and construct the sidewalk and bump outs. Commissioner DeBoer asked if they would require things liked stamped concrete, iron railing, etc. Director Ketcham said they support those items but projects need to make financial sense, and that they are not at that point yet with the Lloyd project. Projects Downtown should have the same continuity and standards so that there is not a quilt work of designs and standards that make Downtown feel unconnected and people get the same experience in every part of Downtown.

Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, asked if there were other development possibilities within the next two to five years. Director Ketcham, Community Development, said no new areas are likely within that timeframe, but that after the redevelopment of the railyard property that the Weber Avenue corridor has a bright redevelopment future. Chairperson Oland asked how the VAC can ultimately help Sioux Falls. Director Ketcham responded that he thought there was a need to coordinate arts efforts thought the city to reduce overlapping and utilized some shared experiences and synergies.

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

a) Cultural Plan Implementation

No monthly report was presented. Sandra Pay did indicated that part of discussion at today's 10 am Levitt presentation will include these items.

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ITEM 8. VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

a. PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION

1. Strategic Planning Session Update by Subcommittee – *(Commissioners Ivy Oland, Larry Crane, Zach DeBoer)*

Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, commented that Brookings provide some guidance and that the next session will focus on one or two cities, Alexandra or Richmond. Zach DeBoer, VAC Commissioner, suggested coming to the next working session with both cities information printed out so final discussion can be done there.

Kellen Boice, VAC Commissioner, provided handouts for the upcoming design week. On September 29, there will be a documentary on design on the Belbas Theater at Washington Pavilion.

Next working session is scheduled for October 11, 2017 in the Downtown Library.

2. 26th St & Southeastern Ave / Rotary Park Project – *(Commissioners Kellen Boice, Ivy Oland, Sandra Pay)*
Ivy Oland, VAC Chairperson, talked about the discussions they've had so far and the desire to continue the already set wave siding on the side and under the bridge to tie the pedestrian experience together.

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

b. WEBSITE UPDATES – Completed

ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT

No input from the public was received.

ITEM 10. OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was presented or discussed.

ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:54 a.m.

HANDOUTS – September 19, 2017 Meeting

- o September 19, 2017 Agenda
- o Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2017 Regular Meeting
- o Sculpture Placements: Open Wide
- o 26th Street & Southeastern Avenue / Rotary Park Project – Opportunities for Incorporating Potential Artistic Design Elements and/or Visual Art