

**MEETING MINUTES
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**

July 18, 2017

9:00 a.m.

Carnegie Town Hall 235 W 10th Street Sioux Falls SD

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Crane;

OTHERS PRESENT: Lori Kiesow – Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum; Ann Randall – Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum; Leah Simmons - Citizen; Chad Huwe - City Engineer; Mike Patten – Parks Development Specialist Parks & Rec.; Russ Sorenson - 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 – July 18, 2017, meeting

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners expressed no changes to the regular meeting agenda. Chairperson requested that Item 6 regarding Sculpture Placement be heard before Item 5 CIP Presentation. There were no objections expressed.

Commissioner Sandra Pay made a motion to approve the regular agenda as presented, with Item 6 being heard before Item 5. Commissioner Larry Ling seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the regular agenda, with Item 6 being heard before Item 5, passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the ~~May 16~~ June 20, 2017, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, requested a motion to approve the June 20, 2017 meeting minutes. Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Sandra Pay seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the June 20, 2017 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

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ITEM 5. City Capital Improvement Plan Process (CIP) Presentations

Presentations about Potential City CIP Projects to Incorporate Artistic Design Elements and/or Visual Art

a) Public Works –Chad Huwe, City Engineer

Chad Huwe, City Engineer, presented this item to the Commissioners. Chad Huwe explained the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a five-year capital program that outlines and prioritizes the City's capital funding over the next five years. Public Works projects presented and discussed:

- 26th Street and Southeastern Avenue 2018 - 2020

This is a \$40 -50 million dollar project that is scheduled for 2018-2020. The project will include elevating 26th Street approximately 25 feet over the existing railroad tracks and the Big Sioux River, and then tie back into 26th Street to the west. I-229 & 26th Street interchange will also be reconstructed as part of this traffic safety street improvement project. Existing Rotary Park, playground, restrooms and parking area, will be relocated from the east bank of the river to the west bank in 2018. Massive construction will be underway in 2019 – 2020. A large concrete wall and railroad/river bridge will be constructed. These wall and bridge features may be an public art integration opportunity for the VAC to integrate public art.

Commissioners expressed their enthusiasm about the proposed concrete wall as being a blank canvas space for integrating public art. Another commissioner inquired if the Public Works Department has examined other art wall projects constructed in other cities. Chad Huwe mentioned the city's consultant has provided examples of wall art for consideration in this project. Chad Huwe indicated that he would like to submit 26th Street and Southeastern Avenue project drawings for the next VAC meeting for the Commission's review and input.

- Downtown Main Avenue Road Diet 2017

Main Avenue improvement work will continue this year and consist of street intersection bump outs, provisions for diagonal parking, streetscaping elements, and new landscaping. Affected Main Avenue areas include: Washington Square development area and in front of Interstate Office Projects.

- Downtown Phillips Avenue – from 6th to 9th Streets

Phase I street improvement work would be from 8th Street to 9th Street.

Commissioner Ivy Oland inquired if Public Works would be open to public art integration being considered as part of the scope of work for future street improvement projects that have various streetscape elements such as manhole covers, utility and traffic signal boxes, storm sewer inlets, and landscaping. Chad Huwe responded that such consideration can be given, and that it is appropriate to have such conversations within the project's design phase. Of course, associated costs are a consideration, too.

- 8th Street Bridge 2018 -final design, 2019 - reconstruct/rehabilitation

This concrete structure is a Luten arch design bridge from early 1900's. The City Of Sioux Falls is currently conducting a study to determine if the bridge should be rehabbed or reconstructed. There are pedestrian walkway railings located on the outside and inside of the bridge structure that may be of interest for public art integration.

- 6th Street Bridge 2020 – 2021 design, 2022 -reconstruct

Improvements for this bridge structure are planned within the city's five year CIP program to accommodate future property, building, and bike trail developments. Some bridge structure elements may be of interest for public art integration.

- Arterial Streets – Ellis Road 2018

In 2018, Ellis Road is to be improved from two to four lanes, with a middle median section. The design width for the median section is being reviewed by city engineering. Comments expressed by property owners at public meetings suggest having a narrower median, in effect to have the arterial street located further away from their residential properties. The median section for Ellis Road, may be of interest for public art integration. The landscaping, lighting, artistic metal grasses and gateway signage for Russell Street median was referenced as an example of including public art components.

A commissioner inquired about the possibility of integrating public art for the proposed Downtown Parking Ramp project. It was noted this proposed city project is under the supervision of the Community Development Department. That city department has been invited to meet with the Visual Arts Commission.

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, requested a project time schedule of the Public Works CIP projects presented could be provided to the Commissioners, to assist the Commission in their development of a Calendar for future reference.

Both, Chad Huwe, City Engineer, and Michael Patten, Parks Development Specialist, acknowledged the Commission's request.

b) Parks & Recreation – Michael Patten, Parks Development Specialist
Michael Patten, Parks Development Specialist, presented this item to the Commissioners. CIP Parks projects presented and discussed:

- Falls Park West - 6th Street to 4th Street area 2018 - 2019
Michael Patten presented a drawing of the proposed Levitt Shell Sioux Falls – Phase I to the Commissioners. He explained that Sioux Falls features such as the Big Sioux River, Railroad stations and switching yards, quartzite rock materials influenced the design of the Levitt Shell structure. This venue will be a catalyst for future economic development within Downtown Sioux Falls. The new venue area will be pedestrian oriented with new pathway connections, elevated lawn seating, restroom areas, landscaping, lighting, and a donor recognition area. The R.F. Pettigrew statute will remain in its current location. This project will be bid in January 2018, with construction beginning in Spring 2018. It is anticipated that construction will be completed in Spring 2019, with performances beginning in Summer 2019.

Commissioner Sandra Pay commented the Levitt Foundation is about building community through free live music and reinvigorating outdoor public spaces through creative place making and creating opportunities for all to experience the performing arts.

Levitt Foundation website link: <http://levitt.org/>

Levitt Shell Sioux Falls Phase II will focus on internal pedestrian sidewalks connecting the venue area to surrounding perimeter downtown developments.

Commissioners expressed their enthusiastic support for the Levitt Shell Sioux Falls Project. Commissioners requested Mr. Patten to provide them with a copy of the Levitt Shell Sioux Falls Master Plan. He acknowledged their request and will forward an electronic copy to Russ Sorenson, VAC Liaison, for distribution to the Commissioners. .

- City Administration Building 2017 - 2018
As part of the city administration building scope, the adjacent Van Epps Park will undergo improvements. The park improvements will include a passive space with a circular pedestrian pathway, picnic shelter, historic lamp lighting, plaza space and seating areas. A focal point on the north end of the park be a pedestal for future artwork. It is anticipated the Annual SculptureWalk People's Choice sculpture be located there for one year until a permanent location is determined. Anticipate project construction to be completed in Spring 2018.

The Commissioner expressed their sincere appreciation to both Chad Huwe and Michael Patten for sharing their valuable knowledge and informative presentations about their respective department's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects. More information about the city's Capital Improvement Program can be found on the city's website at <http://www.siouxfalls.org/finance/capital-programs> .

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

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

- a) REVIEW and ACTION on Sculpture Placement at the Mary Jo Arboretum
Lori Kiesow, Executive Director for the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum & East Sioux Falls Historic Site
Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum representatives, Lori Kiesow, Executive Director, and Ann Randall, Board Member, presented this item to the Commissioners. Lorie Kiesow, referenced the application and supporting documents. She explained on behalf of Trudy Peckham family and friends, their request is for consideration of permanent placement of a memorial sculpture at the arboretum. The bronze sculpture is to be known as the Trudy Peckham Memorial, and would be gifted to the City Of Sioux Falls. The open book sculpture measures approximately 16" W X 12" L X 3" H in size, and would be attached to a quartzite pedestal that measures approximately 21" W X 41" L X 20" H in size. One side of the open book page would read, "I would rather walk with a friend in the dark, than alone in the light – Helen Keller", on the other side of the open book page would read, "In memory of Trudy Peckham". The book sculpture would be located near the northeast edge of the arboretum's pond garden. This bronze artwork would be done by Darwin Wolf, local sculptor.

Chairperson Ivy Oland inquired if the artist would assist with installation of the sculpture. Lori Kiesow acknowledge that he would do so.

Chairperson Ivy Oland commented the proposed sculpture and location meet the evaluation criteria (appropriateness; relevance; artwork scale; installation and maintenance cost; safety/security; high visibility impact; and need). Other commissioners agreed. Associated installation costs are the responsibility of the arboretum, and not the city.

Russ Sorenson mentioned the city's art conservator consultant, Rosa Lowinger and Associates, (RLA) is currently in Sioux Falls and conducting annual assessments and maintenance on city owned permanent artworks for the next two weeks. RLA would be requested to evaluate the sculpture artwork proposal and location, and provide a recommendation on the gift acceptance. The Commission's recommendation would be transmitted to the Mayor and City Council for their consideration and final action.

There was no input received from the public.

Commissioner Sandra Pay made motion to recommend approval for the proposed sculpture, known as Trudy Peckham Memorial, and permanent placement at the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum, located at 1900 S Perry Place, as proposed by the applicant. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion to approve passed unanimously.

Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum website link: <http://www.maryjowegnerarboretum.com/>

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

- a) Cultural Plan Implementation
No monthly report was presented.
- b) Other? - None.

Staff Note:

Link to Sioux Falls Arts Council

<http://www.artssiouxfalls.org/>

Link to Cultural Plan

<http://www.artssiouxfalls.org/cultural-plan/>

ITEM 8. VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

- a. PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION – Strategic Planning Session by *Subcommittee – (Commissioners Aleta Branson, Larry Crane, Zach DeBoer)*

Russ Sorenson suggested to the Commissioners the next VAC Work Session VI meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Work Session meeting location is to be determined.

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, August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to adjourn the Visual Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:07 a.m.

HANDOUTS – July 18, 2017 Meeting

- o July 18, 2017 Agenda
- o Meeting Minutes for: June 20, 2017 Regular Meeting
- o CIP Project Presentation – Public Works and Parks & Recreation
- o Sculpture Placement – Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum -Trudy Peckham Memorial
- o Public Art Integration