

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**  
**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**January 15, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**City Center, 231 N. Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls SD**

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer, Keith Lapour; Ivy Oland, Sandra Pay; James Zajicek;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russ Sorenson, Urban Planner & Staff Liaison

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION**

Commission Chairperson Ivy Oland called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

The Visual Arts Commissioners enthusiastically welcomed member, Ivy Oland, back as Chairperson of the Visual Arts Commission.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson Ivy Oland, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. With no agenda changes mentioned, Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the regular agenda. Commissioner Sandra Pay seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the VAC's Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2018**

Chairperson Ivy Oland, requested a motion to approve the November 20, 2018 regular session meeting minutes. Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to approve the November 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Keith Lapour seconded the motion. The motion to approve the November 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*(5-minute comment period per individual)*

Chairperson Ivy Oland, acknowledged there was no guests in attendance to speak on non-agenda items. Russ Sorenson, VAC staff liaison, mentioned there were no written public comments received.

**ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on the DRAFT 2018 VAC Annual Report**

Russ Sorenson, VAC Staff Liaison, referenced and explained the VAC's DRAFT 2018 Annual Report. Report highlights include: 2018 VAC membership terms; mission statement; duties; general items; and several target item accomplishments with associated completion dates, were reviewed.

Commissioners acknowledged the VAC's 2018 accomplishments and expressed their appreciation to Russ for drafting the annual report and providing the review opportunity.

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Ivy Oland commented that although the VAC did a great job fulfilling their leadership role and service to the community, she felt there were some areas for future improvement. Ivy mentioned the VAC can continue striving to: recommend additional visual art projects and identify potential sites within the city; encourage greater incorporation of visual art elements into the design of commercial, residential, and public projects; encourage artists involvement at the inception of city design and building projects; and educate engage the community about the value and importance of visual art within the community. Several commissioners acknowledged that such efforts fall under the topic of promoting public art integration in Sioux Falls.

There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Sandra Pay made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2018 VAC Annual Report. Commissioner James Zajicek seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2018 VAC Annual Report passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 7. REVIEW & ACTION ON THE DRAFT 2019 VAC Work Program**

Russ Sorenson, VAC Staff Liaison, referenced and explained the VAC's DRAFT 2019 Work Program. The 2019 Work Program highlights include: 2019 VAC membership term expirations; mission statement; duties; general items; and several target items with associated completion dates, were reviewed. Target items include: DRAFT 2019 Target Items:

- Adoption of 2018 Annual Report
- Adoption of 2019 Work Program
- Election of Officers
- Review Bylaws
- Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Review for Public Art Integration
- SculptureWalk Program Recommendations
- CityLink Programming (VAC projects and events)
- Live Well/BikeSmart Program - Bicycle Rack Promotion & Installations
- Cultural Plan Implementation
- Public Art Integration Strategic Planning
- Continuance of City Owned Visual Art Maintenance Program
- Development & Support for Partnership Collaborations, Calls for Public Art & Venues
  - Sioux Falls Arts Council, Schools, & Universities, Artists
  - Storm Sewer Inlet Artwork Project
- 2019 Sculpture Placements
  - SculptureWalk People's Choice Awards
    - 2012 - *Daughters of Peace* by Victor Benjamin – location TBD
    - 2016 – *Maestro* by Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby – location TBD
    - 2018 – *Bear, Lee, Standing* by Gary Hovey – location TBD
  - Other
    - Invariete Concordia (2009) – TBD - Working with Artist
    - Orpheum Theater Plaza – Work with Orpheum Theater Board

Commissioners acknowledged the 2019 Work Program is a fluid document. Commissioners expressed their interest in participating in future City Link Programming to present who, what, and why, the Visual Arts Commission is an important citizen board. Commissioners were supportive to incorporate Commissioner James Zajicek's programming and production expertise. Commissioners who volunteered to serve on the City Link Subcommittee include: James Zajicek; Keith Lapour; and Ivy Oland.

Other 2019 projects of interest supported and discussed by the Commissioners include:

- Bike Rack placements – requested Russ to check in with Mary Michaels about this;
- City Storm Inlet Painting Project;
- Networking with schools;
- Evaluate art maintenance program;
- As part of the CIP Annual Review to invite City Directors to VAC March / April meeting;
- Update on the Mixed Use & Parking Ramp Project - invite Matt Nelson to provide project update with plans and perhaps provide suggestions to the project's private developer.
- Finalize written documentation efforts done to advance our Public Art Integration efforts by mid-year;

There were no public comments received.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Russ for providing the DRAFT 2019 Work Program for their review.

Commissioner Sandra Pay made a motion to approve the DRAFT 2019 VAC Work Program. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2019 VAC Work Program passed unanimously.

**ITEM 8. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES** - (Alex Hagen and Sandra Pay, Sioux Falls Arts Council representatives)

a) City Hall Art Exhibit Event held on 1-11-2019

Commissioner Sandra Pay commented the City Hall Art Exhibit event was a successful event and the Mayor is enthusiastic and supportive of the local arts. Commissioner Pay acknowledged the hard work and efforts by Angelica Mercado, Sioux Falls Arts Council representative, for the success of this special event.

It was mentioned the City Hall Arts Program was sponsored and promoted by the Sioux Falls Arts Council (SFAC) and the Mayor's Office staff. It was noted that SFAC worked with the Mayor's Office staff to develop a pilot project event at City Hall and then perhaps look at other city buildings to integrate future artworks on a rotating bases. SFAC reached out to Ivy Oland and requested assistance to conduct a city hall space assessment for artworks and provide a report with recommendations, including provisions for stipends for the artists.

Commissioner Kellen Boice stated she also assisted the SFAC with art selections on loan from East Bank artists - Roger Ellingson's, "*The Band*" depicting the Festival of Bands in downtown Sioux Falls and the late Robert Aldern's oil painting entitled, "*Looking at North Dakota*". She noted that other artworks consisting of black and white photographs are provided on the ground floor of city hall. Commissioner Boice mentioned that City Center would be a beautiful building to provide artworks in the future.

Russ Sorenson commented that "*Daughters of Peace*", a bronze sculpture by sculptor Benjamin Victor was also part of the City Hall arts event.

Commission discussion ensued about the City Hall Art Exhibit event. Some Commissioners voiced their dismay the VAC did not get directly involved in this art program or the art selection process for this event. A few Commissioners expressed this effort needs structure in place for an art revolving program within city-owned buildings and by utilizing the VAC in future art selection process for artworks it helps provide program credibility and protects the City Administration. It was noted that although the SFAC may have funding resources, the VAC can assist and perhaps simplify artwork selection process.

Chairperson Ivy Oland commented that it is appreciated the city administration is supportive of the arts and a plan was requested and presented with recommendations, and followed. She expressed that future assessments, along with goals and terms, and installation practices and stipend awards to the artists will also need to be determined for other artwork placements within city-owned buildings. The end goal is that we all want such an artworks program to be well executed and successful.

Commissioner Kellen Boice stated to make this program successful improved communication to the public about who the VAC is, what the VAC's mission, responsibilities, duties and values are, need to be communicated going forward. Communications via City Link Programming and social media are good options for the Commission to explore.

Commissioner Sandra Pay commented the VAC has really come into its own and developed its mission, goal, objectives. These are reviewed annually and it is good timing to explore going forward.

Commissioner James Zajicek suggested at the next VAC Work Session, the VAC work to review assessment report recommendations and craft a communication to the Mayor in support of him establishing this program and letting him know the VAC is interested to work with him to further develop this program.

Chairperson Ivy Oland suggested that at the next VAC Work Session the VAC review the City Hall assessment report recommendations; set up a meeting with SFAC to discuss the City Hall artworks program; and share information with the Mayor - as to who the VAC is and what the VAC does - in a joint communication recognizing the Mayor and SFAC interests and efforts to support local arts.

b) Cultural Plan Implementation

Commissioner Sandra Pay, also a Sioux Falls Arts Council Board of Directors member, stated she continues to brief the Arts Council Board about the VAC's efforts to develop a public art integration initiative and how the VAC's efforts effectively align with the Cultural Plan's Goal #6 - to enhance Sioux Falls public art and cultural facilities. Commissioner Sandra Pay mentioned the Arts Council Board is very supportive and enthusiastic about the VAC's efforts to implement Goal #6 of the adopted Cultural Plan.

c) Other?

Commissioners Sandra Pay, commented the Sioux Falls Arts Council Board of Directors has two new members, Jeff Holcomb and Patrick Baker. Jeff Holcomb, will serve as the organization's coordinator for their upcoming 2019 fundraising campaign. Member Alex Hagen has agreed to continue his service as President of the Board of Directors.

Commissioner Sandra Pay stated that her second term will be completed at the end of February, and that she has really enjoyed serving on the Commission and working with everyone. Commissioner Pay highlighted the Cultural Plan's Goal #6 to enhance Sioux Falls Public art and cultural facilities and encouraged the Commission to continue working with the Sioux Falls Arts Council by supporting this goal in their efforts toward enhancing public art integration within the community. Although Commissioner Sandra Pay stated she will be absent for the February VAC meeting, commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation for her dedicated and enthusiastic service and support for the arts. The Commissioners invited Sandra to the March VAC meeting to be recognized further.

**ITEM 9. VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES**

- a. PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION – Strategic Planning Session Update by *Subcommittee – (Commissioners Ivy Oland, Zach DeBoer, James Zajicek)*
- b. 2018 City – Owned Art Maintenance Report (*Rosa Lowinger & Associates*)  
Given time constraints, Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to table the 2018 RLA Report to next month's meeting. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. WEBSITE UPDATES – Completed

**ITEM 10. ELECTION of OFFICERS**

Given time constraints, it was the consensus of the Commissioners to table election of officers to their next February regular meeting.

**ITEM 11. REVIEW & ACTION on 2019 VAC Meeting Calendar, Time, Location**

Given time constraints, Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, briefly mentioned to the Commissioners the 2019 regular meeting calendar is in their information packets. He also noted the regular meetings would continue to be held at the City Center, Falls Conference Room #110.

**ITEM 12. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 13. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) NEXT MEETINGS –
  - o Working Session Meeting - Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Downtown Library, 200 N Main Ave.
  - o Regular Meeting - Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., City Center, 231 N Dakota Ave.

**ITEM 14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Commissioners adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m.

HANDOUTS – January 15, 2019 Meeting

- o January 15, 2019 Agenda
- o December 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- o DRAFT 2018 VAC Annual Report
- o DRAFT 2019 VAC Work Program
- o SFAC Updates
- o Public Art Integration