

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
February 19, 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; James Zajicek;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivy Oland - excused; Sandra Pay - excused;

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Clark, SculptureWalk; Nancy Halverson, Rose Ann Hofland, Tom Eisner, Levitt at the Falls; Lisa Myhre, Bronze Age Art Casting; Mike Patten, Parks & Recreation, Russ Sorenson, Urban Planner & Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Commission Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Visual Arts Commissioners introduced themselves and enthusiastically welcomed the guests present. Guests introduced themselves to the Commission.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. With no agenda changes mentioned, Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to approve the regular agenda. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the VAC's Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2019

Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer, requested a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 regular session meeting minutes. Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Keith Lapour seconded the motion. The motion to approve the January 15, 2019 regular meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(5-minute comment period per individual)

Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer, 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. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE.

Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer, acknowledged there was no unfinished business.

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ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Review and Action on Sculpture Placement(s)
1) 2019 SculptureWalk Program
(Presenter—Jim Clark, SculptureWalk Director)

Jim Clark, SculptureWalk Executive Director, presented the 2019 SculptureWalk Program consisting of 59 sculptures and 14 alternatives to the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission. Mr. Clark presented the following facts of interest regarding the SculptureWalk Program:

- 2019 is the 16th year for the SculptureWalk Program and has grown from 34 sculptures in 2004, to 59 sculptures in 2019.
- 2019 will have 59 sponsor display locations
- 2019– 137 entries were received
- 777 sculptures have been recommended for approval by the Visual Arts Commission for SculptureWalk during the past 15 years of the program (836 in 2019).
- 55 artists are represented in the 2019 program; ten (10) are new artists; 16 states and Canada are represented; One (1) artist is from Canada; Ten (10) artists are from South Dakota; Seven (7) are from Sioux Falls.
- The 2019 downtown locations will be similar to those established in 2018. Street locations generally include:
 - East & West sides of Phillips Avenue, from 13th Street, north to 7th Street;
 - North & South sides of E 8th Street, from Phillips Avenue, east across the Big Sioux River to 8th & Railroad Center
 - East & West sides of Main Avenue, from 12th Street north to 9th Street
 - Uptown Area

Mr. Clark then provided a brief PowerPoint Slide Presentation for the 2019 SculptureWalk Program. The 2019 Program includes the following sculptures and placements for the Visual Arts Commission's consideration and further recommendation to the Mayor and City Council:

Sculptures (59) and Artists

"Coach Rich Greeno"—Darwin Wolf
"Surround"—Hanna Seggerman
"Deaccelerator"—Steven Maeck
"Breaker Fail"—Crysten Nesseth
"High Five"—Christine Knapp
"Stretching Cat"—Eric Thorsen
"Local Perspective"—Jason Richter
"Food Chain"—Jerry Nelson
"Reeds"—Bobbie Carlyle
"Flute Player"—Osamede Obazee
"Prairie Vane"—Dan Perry
"Silver Belle"—Heather Wall
"Wind Caller"—Wendy Myhre
"An Angel in Contemplation"—Ben Hammond
"Confluence"—Ken Newman
"Resplendent Ardor"—Greg Mendez
"Leviathan"—Daniel Kloc
"Stalking Fox"—David Turner
"Clownin"—Pati Stajcar
"Journey"—Zach Schnock
"Quarry Moons"—Shawn Morin
"Toms Point"—Henry Royer
"Watchman"—David Skora
"Fulcrum"—Dan Perry
"Spectrum"—Jeff Satter
"Food Chain Eagle"—Bob TenCate
"Fanflare"—Hale/Katz

"Cube Farmer"—Craig Snyder
"Prairie Arabesque"—Steve Bormes
"Common Thread"—Fred Klingelhofer
"Lovers"—Clark Martinek
"Three Point One"—Alex Mendez
"Kit Fox"—Pokey Park
"Beetle the Bear"—C Mueller
"Protection"—Jade Windell
"Balance of Life"—Lyle Parks
"Lithic Bird II"—Nathan Johansen
"Big Horn Sheep"—Travis Sorenson
"Space Cat"—Anthony Guntren
"Reaching the Light"—Kimber Fiebiger
"Gotcha"—Charles Yost
"Dendron"—Alex Mendez
"Under Construction"—Gary Hovey
"River People"—Tim Adams
"Mystic Forest"—Bobbie Carlyle
"To Meet the Storm"—Robert Brubaker
"Apparition Intrusion"—Charles Yost
"Birdwatcher"—Gregory Johnson
"Outer Limits"—James/Demaraais
"Spiral Dance"—Harold Linke
"It's Just Lunch"—John Hughes
"Dialog"—Serge Mozhnevsky
"Gem"—Jeff Satter
"Blue Heron"—Travis Sorenson
"Cellos Player"—Osamede Obazee
"Ancient Monolith"—Sue Quinlan
"All the World"—Leuning/Treeby
"Keep Your Balance"—Ray Kobald
"Virgule"—Ted Sitting Crow Garner

Alternates (14)

"3 Cubs in a Tree"—Eric Thorsen
"Yosemite"—Tim James/Aidan Demaraais
"Lithic Bird I"—Nathan Johansen
"Harlequin"—David Skora
"Free Fall"—Pati Stajcar
"Sunnyside C"—Sung-Hee Min
"Incandescence"—Clark Martinek
"Circle of Life"—Lyle Parks
"Sisters"—Tim Adams
"Three Curves Redux"—Alex Mendez
"Zodiac Totem 5"—P Park
"Drifter"—E Thorsen
"Potato Bug Predicament"—N Johansen
"Glow From Within"—Tim Adams

The SCULPTREWALK Program is significant in that it helps create a first impression for downtown visitors by bringing a large number of sculptures to the central business district for outdoor display. It simply enhances the beauty and the culture of our downtown area for all citizens and visitors to enjoy.

Mr. Clark mentioned that takedowns for the 2019 sculptures are planned April 13th and the installation of the new 2019 sculptures is scheduled for May 4th. He also noted there are several

colorful and whimsical sculptures that will be placed low to the ground, and situated on concrete pads, so as to peak children's interest and interaction.

Mr. Clark explained there are various SculptureWalk Program awards. One of which that is well known is the People's Choice sculpture award. From May through September, the public votes for the People's Choice sculpture, and that sculpture is then purchased by the City of Sioux Falls (up to \$20,000). More than 300,000 people visit SculptureWalk each year. After being displayed in SculptureWalk, artwork can be purchased. That's why you see many pieces still around Sioux Falls at different private and public organizations.

Commissioners expressed their enthusiasm for the 2019 SculptureWalk Program. Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer, commented the 2019 program is amazing and there is a wide variety of scale in this year's sculptures. The proposed sculpture selections are appropriate.

Commissioner Kellen Boice commented that although Downtown environs are safe, there have been a few previous occurrences of vandalism to the sculptures. She commented the proposed sculpture placements are wonderful, but inquired what other considerations can be made to help enhance program security and guard against vandalism incidents? It was noted that city efforts include: trimming trees Downtown; installing higher wattage street lighting; and police bike patrols during summer months. Some commissioners suggested that perhaps representatives from the Police Department, Downtown Sioux Falls, and Downtown business owners, meet during these winter months to discuss solutions, development of a downtown Neighborhood Watch Program, or perhaps utilize Business Improvement District (BID) funding for additional camera surveillance.

Russ Sorenson commented that several city departments including: Human Relations – ADA Accessibility Review Board; Public Works – Engineering; Risk Management; and Planning; have conducted their respective reviews and are supportive of the proposed 2019 sculptures and placements.

There were no further public comments expressed or received.

Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, requested a motion to accept the 2019 SculptureWalk Program. Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to recommend approval for the 2019 SculptureWalk Program sculptures and alternative selections presented. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion to approve the 2019 SculptureWalk Program sculptures and alternative selections was unanimously approved.

- 2) "Maestro" by Sherri Treeby and Lee Leuning @ Falls Park West/Levitt Shell (504 North Phillips Avenue) *(Presenter(s)—Nancy Halverson, Executive Director, Rose Ann Hofland, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, Tom Eisner, Director of Operations, Levitt at the Falls)*

Nancy Halverson, Executive Director for Levitt at the Falls, introduced her Levitt TEAM members, Rose Ann Hofland, Director of Communications and Community Engagement, and Tom Eisner, Director of Operations to the Commission. Building community through music is the Levitt's focus. Nancy Halverson commented the Levitt Shell facility, hospitality area, and restrooms, are currently under construction. The entire project, including concert lawn area, will be completed in April 2019. The 2019 Levitt Concert Series will be announced on May 9th. The music concert series will be from June 14th - August 10th, 2019. Nancy Halverson expressed their Levitt Board and TEAM's enthusiasm for placing the musical themed sculpture, "Maestro" at Levitt at the Falls.

Russ Sorenson, VAC Staff Liaison, mentioned the city-owned bronze and steel sculpture known as "Maestro" by artists Sherrie Treeby and Lee Leuning, was selected by citizens as the 2016 Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award. The bronze sculpture depicts a maestro conducting music along with a steel musical chime instrument and measures approximately 8'5" in height, 4' in width, and 5' in length.

Michael Patten, City Park Development Specialist, commented that according to the site design concept plan, the sculpture would be prominently displayed on a quartzite pedestal at the north end of the oval concert lawn area within Falls Park West/Sioux Falls Levitt Shell. The sculpture would face south toward the Levitt Shell.

Historic lighting would illuminate the pedestrian oval pathway and the proposed sculpture location. The City of Sioux Falls would be responsible for project costs associated with sculpture placement and installation.

The Commission evaluated the criteria for the proposed sculpture placement (ie: appropriateness, relevance, site plan, installation cost, safety/security, visibility/impact and artwork concept and context). The Levitt TEAM acknowledges that any noise from the musical chimes would be monitored and if it becomes disruptive, such mitigation practices could be to wrap the mallet cables to the instrument and secure them with padlock(s), during scheduled performances. Another option is to simply to detach the mallets from the instruments, prior to performances.

A commissioner inquired about security camera provisions. Michael Patten replied that although not part of this project, SF Police and Parks are examining various security methods and provisions for future implementation.

Lisa Myhre, Bronze Age Art Casting (Foundry), commented that she works with the city's art conservation consultant, RLA, on performing annual maintenance on city-owned sculptures. Lisa Myhree emphasized that artwork placement considerations are important to examine relative to potential impacts received from seasonal lawn mowing, sprinkler irrigation, fertilization practices, snow removal and de-icing methods. Lisa Myhre stated the Foundry TEAM is available to assist with this sculpture placement and any future city-owned artwork placements.

There were no other public comments expressed or received.

Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, requested a motion to accept the "Maestro" sculpture placement at Levitt at the Falls. Commissioner Kellen Boice made a motion to recommend approval for the proposed "Maestro" sculpture and placement at the Levitt at the Falls, as presented. Commissioner Keith Lapour seconded the motion. The motion to approve the "Maestro" sculpture and placement at the Levitt at the Falls as presented, was unanimously approved.

- B) Sioux Falls Arts Council Updates
(Presenter(s): Alex Hagen, Sandra Pay – Sioux Falls Arts Council)
1) Cultural Plan Implementation
2) Other?

Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, inquired that since there were no Sioux Falls Arts Council representatives present, if there were any Sioux Falls Arts Council updates to present. Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, responded there were no Sioux Falls Arts Council updates to present at this time.

- C) Visual Arts Commission Project Updates
1) Public Art Integration – Strategic Planning Session Update by Subcommittee – (Commissioners Ivy Oland, Zach DeBoer, James Zajicek)
Vice Chairperson Zach DeBoer encouraged the commissioners to continue working on their respective focus areas in preparation for the next VAC work session in March.
2) 2018 City – Owned Art Maintenance Report (Rosa Lowinger & Associates)
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, referenced the RLA report that details their 2018 city-owned art conservation and maintenance efforts conducted last summer. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation and support toward the city's continued art conservation utilizing professional services and practices in maintaining city-owned artworks.

- 3) Website Updates – Completed

There were no other public comments expressed or received regarding the above update items.

- D) **REVIEW & ACTION on 2019 VAC Meeting Calendar, Time, Location**
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, briefly mentioned at the Commissioner's request, the 2019 regular meeting calendar is in their information packets so the Commission can discuss changing the time of regular meetings from morning to afternoon. The Commissioners present agreed to postpone discussion until the new VAC members are appointed. Until then, the VAC's regular monthly meetings would continue to be held the third Tuesday of each month, at 9:00 am, in the City Center, Falls Conference Room #110.
- E) **Election of Officers**
The Commissioners present agreed to postpone the election of officers until the new VAC members are appointed, and a full Commission present.

ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Commissioner Kellen Boice and Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, mentioned they will not be present for the VAC's March 13th Work Session Meeting.

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Commissioner Keith Lapour made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner James Z adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.

HANDOUTS – January 15, 2019 Meeting

- o February 19, 2019 Agenda
- o January 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- o 2019 SculptureWalk Program
- o Maestro Sculpture Placement - Levitt at the Falls
- o 2018 City –Owned Art Maintenance Report (Rosa Lowinger & Associates)
- o 2019 Meeting Calendar