

**MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CARNEGIE TOWN HALL
April 18, 2006**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hauck, Stacey McMahan, Rod Pierce, Lyle Pudwill.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jamie Rosenbaum.

OTHERS PRESENT: Russ Sorenson, Planning Office Staff Liaison.
Tony Everson, City Engineer
Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation

Jerry Hauck, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ITEM 1. APPROVAL of the March 7, and March 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes.

Chairperson Jerry Hauck, requested a motion to approve the March 7, 2006 and March 21, 2006 meeting minutes.

Commissioner Rod Pierce made a motion to approve the March 7, 2006 and March 21, 2006 minutes, as presented. Commissioner Lyle Pudwill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2. INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING on Future City Projects of Interest to the Visual Arts Commission.

Presentations by:

Tony Everson, City Engineer

Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation

Russ Sorenson introduced Tony Everson, City Engineer, and Don Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation, to the Commissioners. He indicated the purpose of their presentations is to brief the Visual Arts Commission on future city projects which are identified in the city's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that could be of interest to the Commissioners relative to possible incorporation of artistic design, art components, landscaping and lighting.

Mr. Everson distributed a handout that summarizes nine (9) projects that could be considered for the Commission to evaluate and incorporate artistic design elements that will enhance the project. The projects identified chronologically, include:

- 1) *57th Street Improvements – Cliff Avenue to Sycamore Avenue - 2007*
 - a) Grade separated overpass at railroad landscaping features
 - b) Decorative monument style bollards
 - c) Proposed raised median landscaping features
 - d) Detention ponds adjacent to project offer areas for landscaping features

- 2) *Madison Street – Covell Avenue to Menlo Avenue – 2007*
 - e) Entrance to Terrance Park
 - f) Covell Lake box culvert installation
- 3) *Downtown Public Library Improvements - 2008*
 - a) Coordinate design concept with 8th Street Improvements
 - b) Aesthetic building features
 - c) Landscaping improvements
- 4) *8th Street Reconstruction – Minnesota Avenue to the Big Sioux River - 2009*
 - a) Raised median landscaping features
 - b) Coordinate with Downtown Library Improvements
 - c) Potential bridge restoration and lighting
- 5) *60th Street North – Cliff Avenue to Kiwanis Avenue – 2009 -/ 2010*
 - a) Several long span bridge structures
 - b) Main gateway to Sioux Falls
 - c) Raised median section with landscaping features
 - d) Connectivity to bike trail system and Sioux Falls Regional Airport
- 6) *41st Street Bridge Replacement over the Big Sioux River - 2010*
 - a) Bridge structure aesthetic improvements
 - b) Connectivity to bike trail system
- 7) *Elevated Storage Tank Enhancements - 2010*
 - a) Construction of elevated storage tank at 70th Street North & Marion Road
 - b) Gateway to Sioux Falls
 - c) Visible from I-90
- 8) *Ebenezer Avenue – 18th Street to 26th Street – 2010 / 2011*
 - a) Bridge structure over Skunk Creek
 - b) Raised median landscaping features
 - c) Connectivity to bike trail system
- 9) *Phillips Avenue Extension – Falls Park Drive to North Drive - 2011*
 - a) Gateway to Sioux Falls
 - b) Connectivity to Falls Park
 - c) Opportunity to landscaping features and artistic elements

Mr. Kearney, Director of Parks & Recreation, distributed a handout that summarizes ten (10) - 2006 CIP projects that could be interesting for the Commission. The 2006 projects identified include:

- 1) *Falls Park – Falls West V – 2006*
 Involves the area north of Parks & Recreation Headquarters to the railroad tracks that cross the river. There will be grading, sidewalks, and lighting along the new walkways that now connect Falls West with the rest of Falls Park.

- 2) *Falls Park – Maintenance Shop - 2006*
This project replaces the shop that is currently across the street from the horse barn. The new facility will be construction on the corner of Phillips Avenue and Falls Park Drive. The current facility will be torn down in anticipation of improvements to the Farmer's Market area in future years.
- 3) *Harmondon Park V – 2006*
Bids are currently being advertised for the first phase of the softball field development which will include irrigation, water, sewer, seeding, parking lots and restrooms. This will ultimately result in 8 new softball fields that will serve the men's league and their 40 team waiting list that we currently have. Scheduled to play starting in 2009.
- 3) *Sherman Park – 2006*
This is a renovation and improvement project that will install new lighting, fencing and irrigation on the softball fields. Sioux Falls will be hosting the 16 & under fast pitch national tournament in 2007.
- 5) *Veterans Park V - 2006*
The 4th Phase of this project will begin, which completes the park development late this year. Phase 4 construction includes an amphitheatre, bridge, Medal of Honor garden, additional irrigation, seeding and tree planting. Veterans Memorial Park Committee has raised over \$475,000 for this project with a goal of \$500,000.
- 6) *Pioneer Park Sprayground - 2006*
This project will be the first sprayground which is essentially an interactive water playground. There is no standing water with this facility and it is a good warm weather alternative. This project has been bid and should start construction in the next 30 days or so. These facilities have been extremely popular in other cities.
- 7) *Yankton Trails Park V – 2006*
This project involves converting baseball fields into 5 new soccer fields. It involves grading, irrigation and seeding. The existing restroom will be replaced as part of this project.
- 8) *ADA Project – 2006*
9 parks will receive ADA improvements this year.
9. *Bike Trail Expansion V – 2006*
Working on the design of a bike trail between Dunham Park and 12th Street.
10. *Great Plains Zoo V- 2006*
 - a) Containment fences and gates
 - b) Asian Cat Exhibit
 - c) New Master Plan for the Zoo

Mr. Kearney commented that Parks and Recreation staff are reviewing possible locations for public art along certain segments of existing and future pedestrian / bike ways and parklands. The areas adjacent to pedestrian / bike ways associated with the Beadle Greenway and River

Boulevard area to Falls Park are being considered. Mr. Kearney indicated the city's Greenway Plan also identifies station points along the greenway that would be considered for public art.

Russ Sorenson inquired what is the best time of year to present informational updates to the Visual Arts Commission on city CIP projects.

Both presenters responded during the Fall.

Members of the Commission encouraged the presenters to consider designating certain money amounts or a percentage of the CIP project cost for incorporating artistic elements into the projects. Discussion ensued about continuing a future dialogue and providing timely input between city departments and their respective CIP projects, with the Commission. It was suggested that perhaps future CIP projects could include a statement in the project headline identifying potential artistic elements for the project and allowing input from the VAC as part of the review process.

Generally, city CIP projects are associated with: Arena; Convention Center; Drainage and Storm Sewer; Electric Light; Engineering; Facilities Management; Fire Rescue; Fleet Revolving; Health; Parks/Recreation, \ Zoo; Planning/Building Services; Public Parking Facilities; Sanitary Landfill; Siouxland Libraries; Street; Transit; Washington Pavilion; Water; Water Reclamation.

The Commissioners requested a city representative familiar with the CIP process be invited to the next meeting to explain. Russ Sorenson responded that he would follow up on the request.

On behalf of the Commission, Chairperson, Jerry Hauck, expressed appreciation to Mr. Everson and Mr. Kearney for their sense of community art awareness, value, and aesthetics given in their project decision making process.

ITEM 3. PROJECT UPDATES –

- **Call for Art – Phillips to the Falls Gateway Panels**

Russ Sorenson commented that the Call for Art has been sent to 79 South Dakota sculptors and the submittal response deadline is June 2, 2006.

- **2006 SculptureWalk**

Russ Sorenson mentioned that April 21 and 22 are the scheduled dates for sculpture take down and May 19th and 20th are the dates for new sculpture placements.

- **CommUnity Youth Mosaic**

Chairperson, Jerry Hauck, commented the Commission has received an invitation to the CommUnity Youth Mosaic ribbon cutting scheduled for May 20th 2 pm at the mosaic wall site located along River Boulevard.

- **R. F. Pettigrew Sculpture**

Russ Sorenson informed the Commission that on April 17, 2006, the City Council adopted a resolution #44-06 approving the R. F. Pettigrew Sculpture and 5th Street & Phillips Avenue location as recommended by the Visual Arts Commission.

ITEM 4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input received.

ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

HANDOUTS – April 18, 2006 Meeting

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