

**MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING
CARNEGIE TOWN HALL
November 20, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Hauck, Stacey McMahan, Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Lyle Pudwill, Kris Carmody Reaves.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, and Russ Sorenson, Planning Office Staff Liaison.

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

ITEM 1. REVIEW & ACTION on the September 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to approve the September 18, 2007 meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Note: There was no meeting on October 16, 2007, due to the lack of a quorum.

ITEM 2. REVIEW & ACTION on Call for Art - Visual Art Wall

Presenter: Staff

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison stated the proposed project location is on public property, located on the west side of North Phillips Avenue to the Falls. The project, known as the Visual Art Wall, would celebrate our community's diversity. Mr. Sorenson indicated that at the Commission's March 2007 meeting, the Commissioners reviewed and approved a DRAFT "Request for Proposals for a Call for Art - Visual Art Wall", subject to project funding availability. Project funding in the amount of \$50,000 was approved by the City Council on August 13, 2007.

Mr. Sorenson stated that guidelines and requirements for submittal were explained in the DRAFT and follows the city's format for request for proposals. He mentioned that city staff including, Planning, Attorney's Office, and Finance have all reviewed and accepted the DRAFT.

Mr. Sorenson indicated that at the March 2007 meeting, the Commissioners discussed the importance of conducting a jury process for the project. At that time there was a general consensus expressed that if there is a good response to this Call for Art to establish a separate jury panel, separate of the Commission, for this project.

Mr. Sorenson commented that at the September 18, 2007 Commission meeting, the Commissioners reached consensus on the following:

- 1) Only local artists (state-wide) will be eligible for consideration for this Visual Art Wall project. Distribution of the Call for Art will include posting an electronic postcard notice on

various websites including, but not limited to: SD University Art Galleries; SD Art Museum; SD Arts Council; South Dakotans for the Arts; Sioux Empire Arts Council; and Builders Exchange – Plains. The post card would be linked to the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission website;

- 2) To conduct and conclude the Call for Art and jury selection processes by early 2008.
- 3) Visual Arts Commissioners that volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to assist and oversee the Call for Art and jury selection processes include: Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, and Kris Carmody Reaves;

No other public comments were received.

The Commissioners unanimously directed Russ Sorenson, commission liaison, to distribute the Call for Art and Call for Art post card notice, as presented.

ITEM 3. PROJECT UPDATES

Russ Sorenson provided the Commission with a brief update on the following projects:

- **CommUnity Youth Mosaic – Phase II** – 9-29-07 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony conducted
- **A Round Town Termesphere** – 10-15-07 Unveiling & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony conducted
- **Phillips to the Falls Arch Gateway Panels** – Benjamin Victor – Installation completed on 11-13-07
- **Sculptures** –
 - **“For Which It Stands”** – Council Action was 10-15-07. Installation completed.
 - **“Going Home”** – Council Action was 10-15-07. 2008 installation planned.
 - **“Potato Man”** – Council Action was 9-04-07. 2008 installation planned.
- **East Tenth Street Fire Station Student Art Project** – Commissioner Stacey McMahan presented an illustration for the proposed fire station remodeling project. It was discussed that possibly the east side of the red hose tower structure would be an appropriate visual art project location. The tower panels measure approximately 2” X 30” in size and are 7/8” thick. It was acknowledged the Maltese Cross is a significant symbol to fire fighters. Future contacts and discussions with the new city fire chief and school district officials will be necessary to discuss this project further.
- **Website Updates** - completed

ITEM 4. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no further input received from the public.

ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.

HANDOUTS – November 20, 2007 Meeting

- September 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes
- November 20, 2007 Meeting Agenda
- Handouts for Items 1 - 2.