

**MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING  
CARNEGIE TOWN HALL  
December 18, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Stacey McMahan, Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Kris Carmody Reaves.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jerry Hauck, Lyle Pudwill

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

Vice Chairperson Stacey McMahan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**ITEM 1. REVIEW & ACTION on the November 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to approve the November 20, 2007 meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Lary Etten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson, Stacey McMahan requested the Commissioners consider Item 3 on the Agenda next. With no objections. Item # 3 was considered.

**ITEM 3. PROJECT UPDATES**

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

- **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

There was no further input received from the public. Guest, Darwin Wolf, left the meeting.

**ITEM 2. DISCUSSION on Jury Process for the Visual Art Wall Project.**

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison stated on December 7, 2007, the Postcard Notice and the Request for Proposals for a Call for Art regarding the Visual Art Wall located along North Phillips Avenue, was posted on the city's website, published in the Argus Leader Newspaper (12-07-07 & 12-14-07), and electronically distributed to the following South Dakota Arts organizations: SD University Art Galleries; SD Art Museum; SD Arts Council; South Dakotans for the Arts; Sioux Empire Arts Council; and Builders Exchange – Plains.

Mr. Sorenson indicated the submittal deadline is 2:00 pm, CST, on Thursday, January 17, 2008. All submittals will be received by the city's Purchasing Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor – City Hall.

Visual Arts Commissioners that have 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. The Commissioners discussed the importance of conducting a jury panel review process, separate of the Commission, for this project. The Commissions indicated that five persons should serve on the jury panel. City staff representatives from Parks & Recreation, Building Services, City Engineering should serve as technical advisors to the jury panel. Recommendations for persons to serve on the jury panel for this project were made. Mr. Sorenson was directed to contact the potential jurors and organize the jury panel review meeting sometime the last week in January or the first week in February. The Commissioners also reviewed the jury panel's review criteria and score sheet for this project.

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 4. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no further input received from the public.

**ITEM 5. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.

HANDOUTS – November 20, 2007 Meeting

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