

**MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING  
CARNEGIE TOWN HALL  
February 19, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Hauck, Ceca Cooper, Ann Marie Davis, Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Lyle Pudwill, Kris Carmody Reaves.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russ Sorenson, Planning Office Staff Liaison.

Chairperson Jerry Hauck called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**ITEM 1. REVIEW & ACTION on the January 15, 2008, Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Ann Marie Davis made a motion to approve the January 15, 2008 meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 2. REVIEW & ACTION on 2008 SculptureWalk Program.**

Presenter: Jim Clark

Mr. Jim Clark presented an informative and visual presentation on 2008 SculptureWalk Sioux Falls. A hard copy of the presentation is available.

Mr. Clark emphasized numerous SculptureWalk program benefits to the Commission. Such benefits include: 14 award categories; mileage reimbursement to the artists; 2-night stay at the Holiday Inn City Centre; artist's reception; insurance coverage for liability and on the sculptures; sculpture sales promotion; artist advisory committee to advise about program shortcomings and to improve the program; development of a SculptureWalk website; great visibility for the artists as their artwork is viewed by approximately 300,000 citizens and guests.

Mr. Clark's PowerPoint presentation detailed the 2008 SculptureWalk program. Mr. Clark provided an exciting visual summary of the planned 56 sculptures, some free standing and the remainder on quartzite pedestals for Downtown Sioux Falls – primarily on Phillips Avenue, and on portions of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Main Avenue.

The SculptureWalk program, in its fifth year, has grown from 34 sculptures in 2004, to 45 sculptures in 2005, 54 sculptures in 2006, 56 sculptures in 2007 and 56 sculptures in 2008.

A highlighted summary depicting 2008 SculptureWalk sculptures, sites and artists follows:

SculptureWalk 2008 Sculptures, Sites, Artists

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|----|---------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 1. | Spirit of Energy          | On south side of Pavilion                   | Karen Crain, CO        |
| 2. | Mother & Daughter         | On NW corner of 11 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips | Ryszard, CO            |
| 3. | Transitions II            | In front of the Book Store                  | Carol Alleman, AZ      |
| 4. | All Together Now          | In front of Mrs. Murphy's Irish Gifts       | Joe Palumbo, CO        |
| 5. | Flight of the Dragonflies | In front of Prairie Star Gallery            | Christopher Powell, CO |
| 6. | Cubist Woman              | On SW corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips | Dana Parlier, NY       |
| 7. | Devoted                   | On NW corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Main     | Chuck Weaver, CO       |

8.	Train	On NW corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips – west	Kyle Fokken, MN
9.	Always Faithful	On NW corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips – east	Edward Thomas, NE
10.	Grandma's Garden	On south side of Diner	Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby SD
11.	Petal & Piglets	Between Diner and Phillips Ave. by fountain	Carrie Quade, NM
12.	Dawn	South side of fountain	Denis Kleine, Canada
13.	Daydreams	North side of fountain	Sondra Jonson, NE
14.	Sayulita	Near south corner of CNA – south	Kitty Gordon, CA
15.	Fountain of Life	Near south corner of CNA- north	Darwin Wolf, SD
16.	Big Boots	On SW corner of 9 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Esther Benedict, TX
17.	Eagle in Flight	On NW corner of 9 <sup>th</sup> & Main	Edward Thomas, NE
18.	Dakota Leader	In front of Wells Fargo	Janice Albro, OK
19.	Stone Booth	On SW corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Albert Belleveau, MN
20.	Leo	In front of US Bank	Pokey Park, AZ
21.	The Guardian	On NE corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Delbert Brewster, TX
22.	Oriental	On corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> and RR Center on	Guy Bellaver, IL
23.	Fist	On SE corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Alexandra Martin, NY
24.	Beacon	In Great Western Bank Planter	David Smalley, CT
25.	Circle of Friends	In front of First National Bank	Karen Crain, CO
26.	Chickadee	In front of First Financial	Louise Peterson, CO
27.	Twists in Time	In planter in front of First Financial	James Haire, CO
28.	Tall Cool One	In front of Bender Commercial RE- north	Mary Michaels, MT
29.	Na Moda	In front of Bender Commercial RE – south	Ben Hammond, UT
30.	Open Your Heart	In front of Skellys	Craig LeCroy, AZ
31.	Three Mothers	On NE corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Emil Adamec, Czech Rep.
32.	Scion	On NE corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave.	Christopher Lee, CA
33.	I've Been Kissed	On SE corner of 10 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Pokey Park, AZ
34.	Ma, Can I Keep Him?	In front of Rehfelds Gallery	Susan Geissler, NY
35.	I to I	In front of Johnson Shoes	Mary Zimmerman, CO
36.	Hard Rock	In front of Susannes	Pati Stajcar, CO
37.	Shapeshifter	In front of Dominique's – north	Lyle Parks, SD
38.	The Gardener	In front of Dominique's – south	Denis Kleine, Canada
39.	Elegant Spirit	In front of Shrivvers	Esther Benedict, TX
40.	Morale Support	On SE corner of 11 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Ruth Burink, CO
41.	Is This Love	In front of Dacotah Bank	Osamede Obazee, CA
42.	Graces	In front of Michelles Coffee Shop	Joanna Mallin-Davies – Denmark
43.	Dakota Queen	In front of 334 Café - north	Robert Ten Cate, SD
44.	Inuit Mother & Child	In front of 334 Café – south	Jeffrey Birch, MN
45.	Summer Garden	At entrance to 12 <sup>th</sup> St. Courthouse Plaza	Chon Love, MT
46.	End of Day	In front of Federal Building	Dee Clements, CO
47.	Rolling Horse	On NE corner of 13 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Joe Palumbo, CO
48.	Dance of the Butterflies	In front of KELO TV	Gus Ocamposilva, FL
49.	Boss	On NW corner of 13 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Dolores Shelledy, UT
50.	Firefly	In planter on NW corner of 12 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Lee Badger, WV
51.	Asclepius & Hygieia	In front of jewelry and bead store	Nicholas Legeros, MN
52.	A Little Bird	In front of Meierhenry's Law office – south	Julie Jones, CO
53.	Tossed Salad	In front of Meierhenrys law firm - north	Shari Hamilton, UT
54.	Waiting for Mom	Near Minerva's front door at 11 <sup>th</sup> & Phillips	Dolores Shelledy, UT
55.	I Tell You What	At the Horse Arts Barn in Falls Park	Kelsey Beck, SD - Youth Artist Sioux Falls Lincoln HS

Mr. Clark concluded his presentation indicating this is the second year that SculptureWalk has gone international, as four sculptures are from the countries of Canada, Czech Republic, and Denmark. He also noted the sculptures are a good mix of realism, abstract, size and materials. Mr. Clark emphasized that public safety is a high priority in selecting and siting sculptures for the SculptureWalk program. The city purchases the quartzite pedestals, concrete pads and People's Choice Award winning sculpture.

Mr. Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, commented the 2008 SculptureWalk program has been reviewed and favorably recommended by various city entities representing, ADA Accessibility Advisory Board, Engineering, Planning, and Risk Management. Depending upon the Visual Arts Commission's final action taken on this item, the City Council is scheduled to consider adopting a resolution for the 2008 SculptureWalk program next month. Sculpture placements are scheduled for May 2008, with temporary relocation of some sculptures in October 2008 due to the scheduled Phillips Avenue reconstruction, from 10<sup>th</sup> Street south to 12<sup>th</sup> Street in April 2009.

Members of the Visual Arts Commission enthusiastically affirmed the hard work and team effort by Mr. Clark, the SculptureWalk Committee, volunteers and businesses in the 2008 SculptureWalk program.

Commissioner Kealey commented that SculptureWalk is a great program but that she would like to see more sculpture placements and activity along Main Avenue. Mr. Clark responded that SculptureWalk works with Main Street Sioux Falls and the Washington Pavillion, and is sensitive to the artists in siting their artwork along high visibility and traffic areas downtown. He indicated there are sculptures placed at the major downtown Main Avenue street intersections, however, there are limited areas due to site constraints such as existing on-street vehicle parking, designated truck loading/unloading spaces, utility poles, traffic signals, and streetscape furniture.

There were no other public comments expressed.

Jerry Hauck, Chairperson, requested the Visual Arts Commission to take action on the proposed sculptures and locations for the 2008 SculptureWalk program.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed sculptures and their locations for the 2008 SculptureWalk program, as presented.

Commissioner Kris Carmody Reeves seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend approval of the proposed sculptures and their locations for the 2008 SculptureWalk program, as presented, passed unanimously.

Mr. Clark left the meeting.

### **ITEM 3. REVIEW & ACTION on Call for Art – Visual Art Wall**

Presenters: Subcommittee Commissioners Lary Etten, Kris Carmody Reaves and Anita Kealy

Russ Sorenson reported the Visual Arts Commission (VAC) received ten (10) responses to the Call for Art – Visual Art Wall. All ten project submittals were reviewed by various city staff representing ADA Accessibility Board, Public Works Engineering, Parks & Recreation, Risk Management, and Planning & Building Services. City staff comments were forwarded onto the Commission's Jury Panel prior to their January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Russ Sorenson, provided the Commissioners with a written summary of city staff comments, along with a general written summary for the Jury Panel's overall comments, for each submittal.

Subcommittee Commissioners, Lary Etten, and Kris Carmody Reaves, mentioned they observed the Jury Panel meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The Subcommittee Commissioners reported the Jury Panel was very professional and that they had expressed their appreciation for all the project submittal information that was provided to them. The Subcommittee Commissioners mentioned the Jury Panel's comments were uninhibited and were not overly extravagant in praise. The project submittals include a wide range of design, color and materials. The Subcommittee Commissioners presented the Visual Arts Commission with the written summary of city staff comments, along with

a general written summary for the Jury Panel's overall comments for each submittal, and models received. The Subcommittee Commissioners indicated that scores for the ten project submittals ranged from 72 to 129.2 points. The Visual Arts Commission considered all the project submittals.

The Subcommittee Commissioners reported that only three of ten submittals surpassed the VAC's minimum score of 106 out of 160 possible points. Those three project submittals were referenced as "E", "I", and "J" and are indicated below.

Artist	Title	Medium	Wall Size	Cost	Construction Schedule
E	In Varietate Concordia	Concrete & Steel	8-9' X 38'	\$50,000	March – Sept. 2008
I	Ethnic Blend	Pre-cast Concrete	9' X 60'	\$47,000	Mid March– Mid August 2008
J	One City...One People	Colored Stone	10' X 48'	\$50,000	April – May 2008

Further Commission review and discussion ensued regarding each of the "Top Three" Jury Panel recommendations of "E", "I", and "J" as referenced above.

The Commissioners determined that project submittal "E" was their preference, but expressed the artist should be given the opportunity to address the following:

- Artist agrees to provide an engineering design for city review and approval;
- Exploring the possibility of utilizing a stone/block medium rather than steel medium for the project;
- The mass white color be modified to an earth tone or neutral color;
- The alignment of the cranes not extend beyond the base;
- The physical scale of the model is more appropriate, than the stated scale in the proposal.

There were no other public comments expressed.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to select project submittal "E" known as "In Varietate Concordia" subject to modification of the art piece to be discussed between the artist and Commission Subcommittee with a report and recommendation to the full Visual Arts Commission at the March 2008 meeting.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. PROJECT UPDATES (Staff &/or Subcommittees)**

- **Eternal Sentry – City Council Consideration**  
Russ Sorenson reported the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Board accepted the Visual Arts Commission's recommendation to approve the Eternal Sentry Sculpture in Veteran's Memorial Park. Russ indicated the Parks and Recreation Board also stipulated the Commission's preference of removing the metal back plate. Russ mentioned the metal back plate will be removed and the sculpture will be anchored with a quartzite pedestal base and upright quartzite back. The resolution for the Eternal Sentry is scheduled for the Council's consideration at their March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **2007 Annual Report**  
Russ Sorenson commented that copies of the Commission's 2007 Annual Report were delivered to the Mayor and City Council. The 2007 Annual Report is also posted on the Commission's website page.
- **Website Updates - Completed**  
Russ Sorenson mentioned that all monthly updates have been completed on the Commission's website.

**ITEM 5. ELECTION of COMMISSION OFFICERS - Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**

*Chairperson -*

Russ Sorenson indicated that he was accepting nominations for the 2008 Visual Arts Commission Chairperson. Commissioner, Lary Etten, nominated Commissioner, Jerry Hauck, for Chairperson. With no other nominations expressed, Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion that further nominations for Chairperson cease. Commissioner, Ceca Cooper, seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion that Commissioner, Jerry Hauck, serve as the Visual Arts Commission's Chairperson. Commissioner, Anita Kealy, seconded the motion. The motion to approve Commissioner, Jerry Hauck, as the 2008 Visual Arts Commission Chairperson passed unanimously.

*Vice Chairperson –*

Chairman, Jerry Hauck, indicated that he was accepting nominations for the 2008 Visual Arts Commission Vice Chairperson. Commissioner, Kris Carmody Reaves, nominated Commissioner, Lyle Pudwill, for Vice Chairperson. With no other nominations expressed, Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves made a motion that further nominations for Vice Chairperson cease. Commissioner, Lary Etten, seconded the motion.

Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves made a motion that Commissioner, Lyle Pudwill, serve as the Visual Arts Commission's Vice Chairperson. Commissioner, Lary Etten, seconded the motion. The motion to approve Commissioner, Lyle Pudwill, as the 2008 Visual Arts Commission Vice Chairperson passed unanimously.

**ITEM 6. PUBLIC INPUT**

Chairperson, Jerry Hauck, requested Russ Sorenson obtain a card so that the Commission could sign and send their condolences to the Lee McManus Family in Sioux Falls. Lee, worked at EROS and was a talented visual artist that contributed to and supported the arts in Sioux Falls.

Russ Sorenson mentioned that Sioux Falls Sculptor, Darwin Wolf, had an unfortunate roofing accident and was recovering from a broken back and leg. The commissioners requested Russ Sorenson obtain a card so that the commissioners could sign and send their get well wishes to Darwin.

There was no further input received from the public.

**ITEM 7. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

HANDOUTS – January 22, 2008 Meeting

- o January 22 Meeting Minutes
- o February 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda
- o Handouts for Items 1, 2 and 3.