

**MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION  
MEETING  
CARNEGIE TOWN HALL  
May 20, 2008**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Hauck, Ann Marie Davis, Ceca Cooper, Lary Etten, Lyle Pudwill, Kris Carmody Reaves.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Anita Kealey (excused).
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Sam Trebilcock – Transportation Planner, Darwin Wolf - Sculpture, and Russ Sorenson, Planning Office Staff Liaison.

Chairperson Chair person, Jerry Hauck, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

**ITEM 1. REVIEW & ACTION on the April 15, 2008, Meeting Minutes.**  
Commissioner Ann Marie Davis made a motion to approve the April 15, 2008 meeting minutes, as presented. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve two sculpture placements at the Sioux Falls Convention Center, as presented. Commissioner Ann Marie Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 2. DISCUSSION on Proposed Art Racks (non-standard bicycle racks) and Placements.**  
Guest Presenter: Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner

Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner, presented the Commissioners with information about the idea of placing art racks (non-standard bicycle racks) within our downtown area, community businesses and on city property. Mr. Trebilcock explained that as part of transportation planning in our community it is important to address and identify pedestrian and bicycle routes. Mr. Trebilcock mentioned the City of Sioux Falls has an adopted bicycle plan. The bicycle plan identifies a need for additional places for bicycles to park and acknowledges that existing racks are functional, but not very attractive. Providing safe, attractive places to park bicycles can improve the aesthetic quality and streetscapes of downtown and throughout our community.

Noting that bicycling will become more than just an outdoor recreational past time, Mr. Trebilcock mentioned that cycling will become more predominate in our community due to the higher fuel prices, the environmental movement towards “going green”, and improving one’s health. Mr. Trebilcock stated that in last week’s “Bike to Work” day, there were over 200 participants.

Mr. Trebilcock indicated that with increased cycling in our community there will be a need for additional places for bicycle parking. He suggested the Commissioners may want to consider assisting with promoting awareness about safe and attractive bicycle parking in our community and the idea of providing art racks (non-standard bicycle racks) through a call for art.

Mr. Trebilcock distributed information about art racks being placed in other communities (ie: Portland Oregon; Arlington and Charlottesville, Virginia; Louisville, Kentucky; and Berkley, California) and provided community examples of specific calls for art regarding art racks (Memphis, Tennessee; Ottawa, Canada).

One Commissioner mentioned that another community that has art racks for bicycle parking is Lincoln, Nebraska.

Commission discussion ensued about:

- working together with cycling community and various other city entities such as Public Works, Parking Patrol, Police, Parks & Recreation Board, ADA Board, Downtown Sioux Falls, on the possibility of incorporating such a project into the city's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP).
- implementing art racks into the 2009 Phillips Avenue Reconstruction Project;
- creating art racks that are cost effective, attractive and durable;
- retrofitting some of the existing parking meters with art racks;
- providing design specifications / standards that could be used in the call for art;
- creating a Visual Arts Commission Subcommittee to further explore the possibility of doing a call for art for art racks.
- call for art should address two design forms for the art racks - those which are of free-form design and those which are of an acceptable community standard design;
- obtaining community sponsorships for implementing an art rack placement program.

Chairman Jerry Hauck suggested the Commission establish a subcommittee to cooperatively work with Sam Trebilcock and provide a draft call for art for establishing art racks in the community. He noted the draft call for art be presented to full Visual Arts Commission. Commissioners Ceca Cooper, Jerry Hauck, Lyle Pudwell and citizen guest, Darwin Wolf, volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

### ITEM 3.

#### **Future Community Visual Art Commission Tours**

- **Museum of Visual Materials @ 500 N. Main Avenue**  
June VAC Meeting
- **Visual Arts Center @ 300 S. Main Avenue**  
July VAC Meeting

As a follow up to the Commission's April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Russ Sorenson commented he would like the Commission to decide upon accepting the open invitations from Carmen Toft, Sales & Events Director for the Museum of Visual Materials, and David Merhib, Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center at the Washington Pavilion.

Commissioners expressed their enthusiasm about conducting their next two public meetings at the Museum of Visual Materials and at the Visual Arts Center. Chairman Hauck requested Russ Sorenson to communicate the Commission's acceptance and to coordinate meeting scheduling, logistics and notices with the Museum of Visual Materials and Visual Art Center.

### ITEM 4.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES (Staff &/or Subcommittees)**

- **CommUnity Youth Mosaic (Phase III) – City Council Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Russ Sorenson mentioned this project resolution was presented to the City Council at their April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Art educators, Lisa Brunick and Beth Bapp, and high school student, Emmett Reistroffer, were present at the Council meeting. Russ acknowledged and thanked the commissioners who were present at that meeting. Russ indicated a Fall 2008 installation is planned and that he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.
- **Visual Art Wall – N Phillips Ave – City Council Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Russ Sorenson mentioned this project resolution was presented to the City Council at their April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Artist Matthew Kargol was present at the meeting. Russ acknowledged and thanked the commissioners who were present at that meeting. Russ indicated that city staff

are in the process of executing the project contract. He noted the project completion deadline has been extended to November 30, 2008. Russ indicated that he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.

**Website Updates - Completed**

Russ Sorenson mentioned that all monthly updates have been completed on the Commission's website.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT**

Russ informed the Commissioners that he recently received press release communication entitled, "Arffalls begs hiatus not adieu", from the organizers of the Sioux Falls' Artfalls Fine Art Festival. The organizers of the Sioux Falls' Artfalls Fine Art Festival announced the 2008 art fair has been cancelled. The press release states that "due to various outside factors, including the state of our economy, possible construction concerns and the number of artists about to participate in Artfalls declining to such a point that it is not feasible for our board to offer an event consistent with what Sioux Falls deserves and has come to expect". A copy of the press release was made available to the Commissioners.

The Commissioners expressed their sadness about this news. The Commissioners commented that correspondence from the Visual Arts Commission should be drafted and directed to the Artfalls Board which conveys the Commission's sincere appreciation for that board's hard work and efforts over these past nine years to provide a wonderful community arts venue. The Commission also expressed that perhaps in a future meeting they would like to meet with Artfalls Board members and offer encouragement and ideas to continue and strengthen Artfalls. Chairman Hauck requested Russ Sorenson to draft such correspondence for the Commissioner's review.

There was no further input received from the public.

**ITEM 6. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 am.

HANDOUTS – March 18, 2008 Meeting

- o May 20, 2008 Meeting Agenda
- o April 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Item 2.

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