

MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

October 21, 2008

Carnegie Town Hall
235 W 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ceca Cooper, Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Lyle Pudwill, Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ann Marie Davis (excused), Jerry Hauck

OTHERS PRESENT: Deb Klebanoff, Sioux Empire Arts Council, and Russ Sorenson - Planning Office Staff Liaison.

ITEM 1. Welcome & Introductions

Vice Chairperson, Lyle Pudwill, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 2. REVIEW & ACTION on the August 19, 2008, and September 16, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to approve the August 19, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Lary Etten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to approve the September 16, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. SIOUX FALLS COMMUNITY WONDERS BROCHURE

Presenter(s): Deb Klebanoff - Sioux Empire Arts Council

Deb Klebanoff, Executive Director for the Sioux Empire Arts Council, presented the Commissioners with copies of the 2008 Sioux Falls Community Wonders Brochure. Deb Klebanoff mentioned this brochure is the third edition. Previous brochures were completed in 2003 and in 2005. Deb Klebanoff explained the eighth grade Humanities students at Edison Middle School, along with their instructor, Sally Rice, study the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, then move to the discovery of art wonders in our own city. Their collaborative efforts and projects provide the foundation for the brochure which is designed to let residents and visitor celebrate art in our city. Artist biographies are also included in the brochure.

Deb noted this year's brochure reflects several of our city's outdoor art wonders, selected by the Humanities students. Completion of this project was made possible through a generous gift of First National Bank Sioux Falls and the efforts of the Sioux Empire Arts Council.

The Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation for the talented efforts of Edison Middle School students and their mentor, Sally Rice, and the support by the Sioux Empire Arts Council for this magnificent community art project.

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

- a) CommUnity Youth Mosaic (Phase III) - Spring 2009
Russ Sorenson indicated the students and art teachers are continuing to working on fundraising efforts for Phase III of the project. Installation of the capstones is complete. Tile installation is now planned for the Spring of 2009, along with a dedication ceremony. Russ commented he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.

- b) Visual Art Wall – N Phillips Ave – Nov. 31st Project Completion Deadline
Russ Sorenson presented a written project update from the Artist Matthew Kargol. Work is progressing on the framework. The cranes are being cut at the fabrication shop. Aluminum panels are beginning to be cut. Solar lighting is planned for illuminating the visual art wall. Excavation and concrete work have been subcontracted by the artist and is to begin this week. Artist is trying to make the November 30th deadline. Russ indicated that he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.

- c) Call for Art - Art Racks – Nov. 20th Submittal Deadline.
Russ Sorenson mentioned that no submittals have been received to date. The submittal deadline is November 20th.

- d) SculptureWalk – Oct. 18th & Nov. 8th Relocations due to Phillips Ave Reconstruction
Russ Sorenson informed the Commissioners that some SculptureWalk sculptures have been removed along Phillips Avenue, between 10th and 12th Streets in preparation for the Phillips Avenue Reconstruction.

One commissioner suggested that when the sculptures are relocated out of the construction zone that perhaps a public announcement be made and possibly doing a one page hand out to inform the public about the new temporary sculpture locations. Russ indicated that he would pass this suggestion on to the SculptureWalk Committee.

- e) Website Updates - Completed
Russ indicated that monthly updates to the website page are completed.

ITEM 5 PUBLIC INPUT

There were no public comments received.

ITEM 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – November 18, 2008, 9:00 am, Carnegie Town Hall.

ITEM 7. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

HANDOUTS – October 21, 2008 Meeting

- o October 21, 2008 Meeting Agenda
- o Handouts for Items 2, 3 & 4.