

# MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2008

Carnegie Town Hall  
235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lary Etten, Anita Kealey, Lyle Pudwill, and Kris Carmody Reaves

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ceca Cooper, Ann Marie Davis and Jerry Hauck (all excused).

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

**ITEM 1. Welcome & Introductions**

Lyle Pudwill called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and welcomed the Commissioners.

**ITEM 2. REVIEW & ACTION on the November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to approve the November 18, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Lary Etten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 3. REVIEW & ACTION on Call for Art – Art Racks**

**a) Subcommittee Report on Jury Panel Recommendation(s)**

Russ Sorenson explained the Call for Art submittal deadline was November 20, 2008. Copies of the Call for Art were sent to South Dakotans for the Arts, arts and artist organizations, art museums, University and College Art Departments, local bike shops, posted on various SD arts and artists websites and published in the local newspaper. Russ Sorenson indicated that three artists responded with a total on nine (9) submittals. Submittals were presented to various city staff for their review and comments relative to engineering, ADA, risk management, Parks & Recreation opportunities, and parking aspects. The Commissioner's recommend the subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Ceca Cooper, Jerry Hauck and Lyle Pudwill oversee the jury panel process for this particular call for art. A jury panel was established comprising of five members representing the general community interests of the visual arts, downtown businesses and marketing, architectural, cycling, and civic parking areas. The Jury Panel met on December 10, 2008 to review and provide recommendations to the Visual Arts Commission.

Commissioner Pudwill commented the subcommittee expected to receive more submittals from other artists. He noted that the purpose of the project is to establish a data base or resource pool of art bike rack designs that are acceptable to the city for placement on public and private properties. He noted that all three of the artists submittals were examined by the jury panel. He also noted the jury panel's score sheet was modified to eliminate two questions relative to historical context and site placement with surroundings. Another question, relative to specific location, was modified to address the usage of recycled materials for the project submittals.

Russ Sorenson provided the Commissioners with the following documents:

- Call for Art;
- Three artists submittals;
- City Staff review comments;
- Jury Panel Scoring Summary Sheet with comments and recommendations;
- Written comments dated December 10, 2008, from Commissioner Jerry Hauck;
- Visual Arts Commission Score Sheet recommended by Commissioner Jerry Hauck

General discussion ensued among the Commission members. Several Commissioners expressed their dismay in the number of submittals received. Comments were made about the importance of maintaining the Commission's high standards and expectations for quality visual art in our public spaces and within our downtown area. One commissioner cautioned that if we limit the number of selected submittals, we are not allowing a greater diversity of artistic subject matter for local businesses and government entities to select from for potential placement in our community. One commissioner indicated the submittals received are appropriate for the initial establishment of a visual art resource pool of artistic bike racks. Another Commissioner questioned if more incentives are needed to inspire a better response to a Call for Art. Another Commissioner suggested that direct contacts with local service clubs and organizations and university and college art departments be made on any future calls for art. Another Commissioner questioned if the call for art should be expanded from a local state-wide call to a national call for art. One Commissioner suggested that it would be appropriate and important for the other Commissioners, not present at the meeting, to provide their input and be part of the project discussion.

There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to delay Commission review and action on this item until the Commission's January 2009 meeting, in order that the other Commissioners can provide their input. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 4. REVIEW & DISCUSSION on proposed Amended Bylaws of the Visual Arts Commission**

Russ Sorenson presented copies of AMENDED Bylaws of the Visual Arts Commission for review and discussion. He explained the intent of this proposal is the Planning Office is attempting to make their respective boards and commissions consistent relative to: membership and appointments; officers and their duties; staff duties, meeting procedures and protocol, quorums and voting requirements; official instruments and documents for record keeping; and conduct of members and public at meetings.

Russ commented that it will be up to each Commission and Board to review and decide on any amendments. He indicated that it was his understanding that any final decisions by the Commission on their Bylaws would not need Council approval. Russ mentioned that one area of interest is that of recording meeting minutes. Following the City Clerk's direction, minutes would be briefly recorded and include attendance, actions taken, numerical results of votes and specific descriptions of items. Other meeting discussion on the meeting agenda items could be kept through an acceptable electronic recording format. Russ indicated that he would like the Commission to review the proposed Bylaw Amendments and be prepared to discuss and take action on them at either the January or February 2009 meeting.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation of Planning staff's efforts and professionalism in assisting them with conducting effective and efficient meetings and record keeping. They

## ITEM 5. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – *In Varietate Concordia*  
Russ Sorenson reminded the Commissioners that at last month's meeting, they recommended a time extension, with out penalties, from November 30<sup>th</sup> 2008, to no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008, to complete the N Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project, known as *In Varietate Concordia*. In addition, the VAC also discussed established their own project and reporting deadlines (Dec. 5 and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>) for the artist. Those dates include:

- December 5<sup>th</sup> Items for completion include: All framework construction and powder coating to be completed. An engineer report/plan is submitted for city approval. The artist is to report back to the Commission on the status of this work.
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Items for completion include: All installation completed, including installation of four (4) solar lights to up light the artwork. The artist is to report back to the Commission on the status of this work. There is the understanding between artist and the Visual Arts Commission that the artist will complete (tweak) the solar lighting as needed, post the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 project deadline.

The Commission also discussed that if the project is not completed by the December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008 project deadline, then liquidated damages and penalties would apply per the contract.

Russ presented the Commissioners with correspondence dated December 15, 2008, from artist Matthew Kargol. The cranes are at the powder coater and should be finished by Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The frames are constructed and will be primed and painted in the artist's studio this week. The aluminum panels are being painted with black block lines and will be taken to be powder coater on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Engineer report and plan is completed and addresses wind loads. Russ indicated that he received the documents this morning and would be submitting them to City Engineering for their review and comments. Project installation is scheduled for the weekend of December 20<sup>th</sup>, but may be forced to occur between December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> given the powder coating delays and weather.

Russ mentioned that he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.

- b) Website Updates - Completed  
Russ indicated that monthly updates to the commission's website page are completed.

## ITEM 6. PUBLIC INPUT

No public comments were received.

## ITEM 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

## ITEM 8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

### HANDOUTS – October 21, 2008 Meeting

- December 16, Meeting Agenda
- November 18, Meeting Minutes
- Handouts for Items 3 and 4.
- Handout for 2009 Meeting Schedule