

# MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

January 20, 2009

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

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

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

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION**

Chairperson Jerry Hauck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Jerry Hauck welcomed the Commissioners and guest.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson Jerry Hauck asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, it was the consensus of the Commission to approve the regular agenda.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the December 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves made a motion to approve the December 16, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. DEFERRED REVIEW & ACTION on Call for Art – Art Racks**

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

Commission Liaison, 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. There were no submittals relative to the standard design art rack on public property with abandoned parking meters. All 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.

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

One Commissioner 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.

Another Commissioner also expressed disappointment and cited the lack of quality artistic design and originality for the submittals received.

General discussion ensued among the Commission members. Several Commissioners expressed their dismay in the number of submittals received and the lack of quality design and originality. Commissioners commented 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 questioned if the submittals received may be appropriate for the initial establishment of a visual art resource pool of artistic bike racks. Another Commissioner suggested rejecting all submittals and encouraged a new call for art be made and expanded from a local state-wide call to a national call for art. Another Commissioner supported a new call for art.

There were no public comments received.

Commissioner Ann Marie Davis made a motion to reject all the submittals received for this Call for Art citing the limited quantity and lack of originality. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chairperson directed staff to prepare correspondence notifying the artists who submitted proposals. He also requested staff to continue working with the subcommittee and prepare a new call project for art for non-traditional bicycle racks.

#### **ITEM 6. DISCUSSION & ACTION on proposed Amended Bylaws of the Visual Arts Commission**

Commission Liaison, 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.

Chairperson Jerry Hauck indicated that he would like the Commission to review the proposed Bylaw Amendments and be prepared to discuss and take action on them at the 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.

#### **ITEM 7. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS**

- a) North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – In Varietate Concordia  
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, mentioned the artists attempted at least three trips to Sioux Falls to install the art piece during the last week in December. On all occasions, the artist had to turn back due to inclement weather and poor driving conditions. Installation of the visual art wall is in process. The site lighting and grading will be completed around June 1, 2009. The Commissioners indicated they would hold back at least \$5,000 in payment for the artist to complete the project. Russ indicated he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.
- b) 2008 Annual Report  
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, presented the Commission with their 2008 Activities Summary. He noted that per the Commission's recommendation their summary document will be submitted to the Mayor and Council. Commissioners expressed pride in their accomplishments during 2008. Commissioner Ann Marie Davis made a motion to endorse the 2008 Activities Summary. Commissioner Anita Kealey, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

*Staff Note: Via email, on February 6, 2009, the Visual Arts Commission's 2008 Activities Summary was sent to the Mayor and City Council.*

- c) Website Updates - Completed  
Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, indicated the monthly updates to the Commission's website page had been completed.

#### **ITEM 8. ELECTION of OFFICERS**

Chairperson: Commissioner Anita Kealey made a motion to nominate Commissioner Lyle Pudwill as Chairperson of the Visual Arts Commission. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to nominate Commissioner Ann Marie Davis as Vice Chairperson of the Visual Arts Commission. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input received.

#### **ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

#### **ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

#### HANDOUTS – January 20, 2009 Meeting

- o January 20, 2009 Meeting Agenda
- o December 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Items 4, 5, 6.