



## **SIoux FALLS NAMING COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 28, 2020

1:30 PM

City Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cooper Conference Room #110  
231 North Dakota Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Eckhoff Director Planning & Development Services; Matt Burns (Police Chief); Mark Cotter (Director of Public Works); Jay Titus (Fire Division Chief) for Brad Goodroad (Fire Rescue Chief); Jodi Fick (Siouxland Libraries); Kelby Mieras (Park Operations Manager) Don Kearney (Director of Parks & Recreation); Ronald Rysavy (Citizen Member)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Russ Sorenson, Planning Projects Coordinator;  
Shawna Goldammer, Planning Projects Coordinator

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amy Pokela (Citizen Member) - Excused

**OTHERS PRESENT:** John Beranek, Co-Applicant.

#### **ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER AND QUORUM DETERMINATION**

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Eckhoff, Chairperson, at 1:30 p.m.

#### **ITEM 2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson Eckhoff requested those in attendance to introduce themselves.

#### **ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA for February 28, 2020 Meeting**

Chairperson Eckhoff requested a motion to approve the regular agenda for the February 28, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Naming Committee member, Jodi Fick, and seconded by Matt Burns to approve the February 28, 2020 regular meeting agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on October 25, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Eckhoff requested a motion to approve the October 25, 2019 Special Meeting minutes. A motion was made by member, Mark Cotter, and seconded by Jay Titus to approve the October 25, 2019 special meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Chairperson)**

(5-minute comment period per individual)

Chairperson Eckhoff asked if there was any public input on non-agenda items. It was noted that no one came forward to speak.

**ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on a Commemorative Naming Application 2019-09-01 to the “Charlotte Visser Carver Gallery” located on first floor City Hall Lobby, at 224 W 9th Street, Sioux Falls SD.**

Presenter(s) – John Beranek

Russ Sorenson, city staff liaison, explained this commemorative naming application is submitted by the Sioux Falls Arts Council and Mr. John Beranek, co-applicants. This application is for the commemorative naming of the “Carver Gallery” in honor of Charlotte Visser Carver for the newly established rotational art gallery located on the first floor of City Hall. The City Hall art gallery features four specific wall locations, whereby artworks from area artists are selected by a local arts jury panel, and then displayed on a six (6) month basis. The selected artwork displays exemplify the spirit of Sioux Falls. Russ Sorenson emphasized this is a commemorative naming, verses a sponsorship naming, and does not change the naming of City Hall.

John Beranek, co-applicant, spoke in high regard to Charlotte Visser Carver. Mr. Beranek explained that Charlotte Visser Carver’s lifelong commitment to the arts at the community, state and national levels began in 1961. At that time, Charlotte Carver played flute with the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. She became the first Executive Director of the South Dakota Arts Council in 1967, and later served on various panels for the National Endowment for the Arts. Charlotte Carver brought together Sioux Falls area arts enthusiasts to launch the Sioux Falls Arts Council. Charlotte Carver was a distinguished member of the Sioux Falls Arts Council and served in various council leadership roles. Mr. Beranek mentioned Charlotte Carver, 97 years, passed in September 2019 and that she would be thrilled with the rotating art exhibit at City Hall.

There were no public comments received on this item.

Several committee members expressed their support for Sioux Falls arts and the City Hall arts gallery naming. A motion was made by member, Matt Burns, and seconded by Ron Rysavy, to approve the commemorative naming of the “Carver Gallery” in honor of Charlotte Visser Carver, for the newly established rotational art gallery located on the first floor of City Hall. The motion passed unanimously.

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John Beranek left the meeting.

**ITEM 7. REVIEW & ACTION ON 2019 Annual Report**

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, presented and explained the 2019 Annual Report, to committee members. He mentioned the City Naming Committee met three times, and reviewed and recommended approval of four (4) naming applications to the Mayor and City Council.

Committee members expressed their appreciation to staff for the annual report. There were no public comments received.

A motion was made by member, Jodi Fick, and seconded by Matt Burns to approve the Naming Committee's 2019 Annual Report. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Russ Sorenson made the Naming Committee aware that a few City Council members are considering some revisions to the Naming Ordinance. At this time, possible revisions for consideration are: 1) to provide definitions and distinguish between a sponsorship and naming; 2) to clarify retraction of public facility naming, based on discovery of an individual's previous or current actions to oneself and/or the community that may cause disrepute and/or being generally looked upon as unfavorabl; and 3) lessen the current time requirement of an individual being deceased for 5 years minimum, for public facility naming consideration.

**ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT MEETING – Friday, May 22, 2020, 1:30 p.m., City Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Cooper Conference Room #110, located at 231 North Dakota Avenue, based upon receipt of new application(s) or business.

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, a motion was made by member, Mark Cotter, and seconded by Jay Titus to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:48pm.