MEETING MINUTES- DRAFT

MEMBER PARTICIPANTS:  Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer, Joe Schaeffer; James Zajicek, Sara Lum, Michael Jamison

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Keith Lapour

OTHER PARTICIPANTS:  Shawna Goldammer - Staff Liaison

ITEM 1.  Call to Order and Quorum Determination:  The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zajicek at 9:02 am and with a quorum of Visual Arts Commission members participating in the meeting.

ITEM 2.  Welcome Members and Guests:  No guests participated

ITEM 3.  Approval of Regular Agenda:  A motion was made by Commissioner DeBoer and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lum to approve the agenda.  The agenda was unanimously approved.
ITEM 4. **Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2020 Meeting**  
A motion was made by Commissioner DeBoer and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamison to approve the October minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. **Public Input on Non-Agenda Items (Chairperson)**: None received.

ITEM 6. **Unfinished Business - None**

ITEM 7. **New Business**

a) **Receipt of 2020 RLA Report**:
Shawna Goldammer explained that the RLA report was provided to the Commission via e-mail and included in the agenda packet. She went on to remind the Commission that the receipt of the conservation and maintenance report is listed in the Visual Art Commission’s ordinance as part of the maintenance plan. The Commission reviewed the summary of recommendations for the City-Owned Artworks. The short term items will be reviewed by city parks and planning staff. Longer term projects and restorations were discussed, although no money was budgeted in 2021 for such work. The Commission asked for an update next meeting regarding the meeting between Planning and Parks to see if any of the short term recommendations could be completed by the Parks staff.

The commission asked Shawna Goldammer to gather information regarding the number of artworks added to the collection and the amount of the RLA contract to help build the case for a budget increase in 2022 for art maintenance.

The group took a look at the Bear Lee Standing’s report.

The Commission discussed the Meldrum Park mural, and who would be responsible for its maintenance. Commissioner Boice explained that she will follow-up on this topic.

Daughters of Peace and its damage was mentioned; the location is inside City Hall.

Commissioner Zajicek asked about Sea Dream, which was not inspected because it was in storage. Commissioner Zajicek asked if any other VAC members would like to visit the parks shop to look at this artwork.

The Commission discussed a percentage for the arts, sustainable art fund, and the Mayor’s recent Arts Taskforce.

A motion to accept the RLA report was made by Commissioner Jamison. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lum. The motion passed unanimously.

b) **Sculpture Placement**:
Shawna Goldammer explained:
• Sculpture Walk People’s Choice - 2019 People’s Choice Award “Under Construction” by Gary Hovey is in front of the City Center. She then asked the Commission for input on a permanent location for Under Construction. Goldammer stated that Mike Cooper is currently the interim director of the arboretum and the master plan included areas for sculpture placement. The Commission asked that staff reach out to the arboretum as well as the Outdoor campus and the Zoo to inquire about an indoor location for placement.

• 2020 People’s Choice top vote getters have been submitted to RLA for their recommendation for incorporation into the City’s art collection. Ms. Goldammer explained that the first year’s location for the people’s choice is in front of the City Center.

• People’s Choice 2013: “Daughters of Peace” by Benjamin Victor: Shawna Goldammer reminded the Commission that this sculpture was recommended to go into the lobby at the City Center. She went on to say that she had reached out to Facilities and others, to see if a better display can be constructed. She will have this item on the agenda every month going forward until the piece finds a better display and moves it into the City Center.

c) Sioux Falls Arts Council – Updates: Kellen Boice provided the following updates:

• The SFAC Annual campaign is underway. Corporate sponsors are being contacted and building relationships with companies.
• No update on the DT Artbox program
• The Carver Gallery in the City Hall Lobby does have the new displays installed. The next call for art will be in February 2021.
• Exciting changes are in the works at the Arts Council, and more announcements will be coming.

ITEM 8. Other Business

• Working Session Updates: Commissioner Zajicek updated the group regarding the working session, and artist feedback received. He explained that the City Attorney’s office is still reviewing the draft of the mural ordinance. He informed the group that at the working session, education about the mural ordinance to both the public and the artist would be important. Shawna Goldammer shared her screen and displayed underscore strike out version the mural ordinance. The copy was formatted only by the legal team, changing capitalization and grammar. However, the content is still being reviewed.

• Next steps for Mural Ordinance Review: Shawna Goldammer asked Commission regarding the City Council informational meeting. After some discussion as to the scheduling the mural ordinance on a City Council Informational meeting, the Commission asked Goldammer to look at January 5, 12 or the 19th to get on the calendar for the City Council’s informational
meeting. Goldammer agreed to let the Commission know when informational meeting is requested.

a) 2021 VAC meeting calendar: Goldammer asked regarding the 2021 meeting location. The Commission agreed to keep the VAC meetings virtual for the first half of 2021 and asked Goldammer to reserve the Cooper conference room for the second half of the year. The continuation of virtual meetings will be revisited in the second half of 2021.

ITEM 9. Announcements
a) Next Meeting
   1) Working Session – December 9, 5:30-7:30, Video Conference Meeting
   2) Regular Meeting—Tuesday, December 15, 9 a.m., Video Conference Meeting

ITEM 10. Adjournment: A motion was made by Commissioner Boice to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBoer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.