MEETING MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Keith Lapour, Zach DeBoer

OTHER PARTICIPANTS: Shawna Goldammer - Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Zajicek at 9:04 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 Schaeffer and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamison to approve the agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved.
ITEM 4. **Approval of Minutes from November 17, 2020 Meeting:** A motion was made by Commissioner Jamison and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lum to approve the November meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

ITEM 6. **Unfinished Business**  
a) **Information and discussion for Art Maintenance Plan:** Shawna Goldammer explained that she was asked to follow up regarding the maintenance program. She reviewed and explained the below information with the Commission:

- **2012:** City owned Art Maintenance Plan initiated.
- **01/01/2013 – 12/31/2015:** Rosa Lowinger & Associates:  
  - **2013:** $24,980.00 Condition Survey of thirty-eight (38) City owned sculptures in year one (2013). Maintenance of an initial group of ten (10) sculptures.
  - **2014:** $24,980.00: Maintain remaining 28 sculptures.
  - **2015:** $22,330.00: Created an annual maintenance schedule with small preventative treatments as needed.
- **01/01/2016-12/31/2016:** One-year extension: $22,330.00 Forty-Three (43) artworks
- **01/01/2017-12/31/2017:** One Year Extension: $22,330.00 Forty-eight (48) artworks
- **01/01/2018-12/31/2020:** Rosa Lowinger & Associates (RLA, Inc.): $32,000.00 (48 pieces noted in the contract).
  - **2018:** $31,500.00: Forty-eight (48) artworks maintained; Six (6) installations assessed
  - **2019:** $31,500.00: Forty-nine (49) artworks Maintained; ten (10) not treated; Twelve (12) installations assessed
  - **2020:** $31,500.00: Fifty-three (53) artworks; ten (10) not treated; Eight (8) installations assessed
- **2021:** One-year extension requested. $32,000.00

Goldammer then explained the difference between the City’s artwork collection (those owned by the city) and those pieces that were assessed. She also explained the reasons that ten artworks listed were not treated. She also explained the eight installations. She noted that all the information was provided in the RLA report, received earlier this year.

The Commission inquired about a five year plan for art maintenance. Goldammer explained the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and operating budgets. The Commission then discussed a letter of advocacy to the City Council and working with Director Jeff Eckhoff to present the letter of advocacy. Commissioner Jamison offered to start a draft letter, and route it around via e-mail. If needed the Commission could put the letter of advocacy on a working session agenda for additional discussion.
Kellen Boice joined the meeting at 9:30am.

b) Sculpture Walk People’s Choice - 2019 People’s Choice Award “Under Construction” by Gary Hovey Final location to be determined: Shawna Goldammer reported to the Commission that she had visited each site noted on the agenda, and met with the leadership of each organization. Each location has unique qualities and would offer good locations for ‘Under Construction’.

- Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum and East Sioux Falls Historic Site,
- Great Plains Zoo & Delbridge Museum of Natural History or
- Outdoor Campus at Sertoma Park

The Commission discussed each location, focusing on the Zoo and the Outdoor Campus due to the availability of the indoor display possibilities.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamison to place the 2019 people’s choice, ‘Under Construction’ by Gary Hovey at the outdoor campus. Commission Schaefer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jamison commented that when the sculpture is moved out to the outdoor campus, that it be promoted by the City.

c) Mural Ordinance: No working session held.

Commissioner Zajicek asked Shawna Goldammer to update the Commission on the feedback from the City Attorney’s office. Goldammer briefly explained constitutional issues surrounding free speech that were included in the feedback from the City Attorney’s office. The Commission discussed how to move forward with the mural ordinance. The Commission agreed to continue working sessions discussions on the mural ordinance topic would be the best approach.

Commissioner Boice made a motion to move the mural ordinance discussion to a working session to continue to craft an ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jamison. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Sea Dream: Follow-up report from Chair.

Commissioner Zajicek explained that he and Goldammer had went in person to examine ‘Sea Dream’ to see what issues the piece may have. He reported the base was damaged and a repair would be needed. He then explained that there was more rust cracking than he had anticipated. The artwork could still be restored by the artist, and he stated that sometimes projects take longer than one expects. The piece is in a holding pattern as far as the restoration timeline.

Joe Schaefer left the meeting at 10:00am.
ITEM 7. New Business

a) Recommendation of acquiring the 2020 SculptureWalk People’s Choice. Shawna Goldammer explained the top two contenders for People’s Choice and asked the Commission to make a recommendation on those two pieces. The Chair displayed the SculptureWalk website so the Commission could visualize the pieces. Goldammer explained the RLA recommendation report has been requested, but has not yet been received.

Commissioner Jamison made a motion to approve incorporation of Jake on Bass into the City’s art collection, subject to the report provided by RLA. Commissioner Lum seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jamison commented that the people’s choice location search should start at the time the announcement is made. The Commission agreed that if it is possible, the location of the people’s choice should be announced at the same time as the selection.

b) Visual Arts Commission 2021 Work Program: No updates

c) Sculpture Placement: No updates.

- 2020 People’s Choice - City Center for one year
- People’s Choice 2013: “Daughters of Peace” by Benjamin Victor

d) Sioux Falls Arts Council: Commissioner Boice provided the following update:
- DT-Art Box Project: The survey to community partners has been distributed. The feedback has been positive so far.
- Internship opportunity with the Sioux Falls Arts Council has been announced and interested candidates are encouraged to apply.

ITEM 8. Other Business

a) 2020 annual report: Goldammer stated that a draft will be presented at the January meeting. Additionally, she noted that at the VAC working session will have an agenda item for a discussion regarding the 2021 work program priorities.

ITEM 9. Announcements Up Coming Meetings

2) Regular VAC Meeting—Tuesday, January 19, 9 a.m., Video Conference Meeting
3) New Citizen Board Handbook on the Web
https://siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions

Goldammer stated that meetings will come to the Commission via a calendar invite and an e-mail.

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