

MINUTES OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

May 19, 2009

Carnegie Town Hall
235 W 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Marie Davis, Lary Etten, Jerry Hauck, Lyle Pudwill and Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ceca Cooper and Anita Kealey - excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Darwin Wolf (Sculptor), Lee Larson (Sertoma Butterfly House), Wendy Lewis (Sertoma Butterfly House), Kelby Mieras (Parks & Recreation)
Russ Sorenson - Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill 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 April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to approve the April 21, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Jerry Hauck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on Sculpture Placement at Sertoma Butterfly House.

Presenter(s): Representatives from Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation and Butterfly House

Wendy Lewis, Director of the Sertoma Butterfly House, and Lee Larson, Volunteer at the Sertoma Butterfly House, presented a sculpture placement proposal for the Commission's consideration and recommendation. Mr. Larson indicated the sculpture is a 2008 SculptureWalk entry, known as "Summer Garden" by artist, Chon Love, (Montana). The sculpture depicts a colorful tile mosaic butterfly and measures approximately 30 inches in height, 28 inches in width, and 40 inches in length. Ms. Lewis explained the sculpture was purchased by the volunteer staff working at the Butterfly House and the sculpture would be located on a pre-cast base at the Butterfly House's main entrance within Sertoma Park. To ensure security and safety, the sculpture would have accent lighting and be observed by existing building security patrol at night. The Sculpture would be maintained by the Butterfly House volunteer staff. Both Butterfly House representatives expressed pride in their fundraising accomplishment and emphasized the sculpture would have high visibility and be very complimentary to the Butterfly House building and grounds.

Mr. Kelby Mieras, Parks and Recreation representative, mentioned the sculpture placement would be considered by the Parks Board at their June 2009 meeting. He also indicated there are no objections

for this sculpture placement from various city agencies, including Parks and Recreation, Engineering, Risk Management, ADA, and Planning.
No other comments from the public were received.

Commissioner Jerry Hauck made a motion to recommend approval of the "Summer Garden" butterfly sculpture and its placement as presented. Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves seconded the motion.

The Commissioners expressed their strong support and satisfaction for this beautiful sculpture and its proposed placement.

The motion was unanimously approved.

PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

a) *Call for Art – Artistic Bicycle Racks*

Russ Sorenson mentioned the Jury Panel would be reviewing 68 submittals from 20 artists later in the day. Jury Panel recommendations would be provided to the Commissioners at their June 16th meeting.

b) *North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – In Varietate Concordia –*

Russ Sorenson, explained the artist has completed installation of the art piece and site grading. He indicated the artist was not pleased with the initial solar lighting proposed and was looking at other possible lighting options. Commissioners requested Commissioners Etten and Pudwill, and staff liaison, Russ Sorenson, work with the artist on the lighting.

Russ Sorenson indicated he would contact the artist about completing the project. Russ also stated he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed about this project.

c) *CommUnity Youth Mosaic – Phase III Celebration - Late August or Early September 2009*

Russ Sorenson announced that he had received recent information about the delayed installation of the CommUnity Youth Mosaic Wall Project. The installation is to occur during the summer and a September 12th 2009 celebration event is now being planned. The Visual Arts Commission is invited to attend this event.

d) *SculptureWalk Installations – Sat., May 9, 2009*

Russ Sorenson informed the Commissioners that SculptureWalk installed 50 sculptures downtown on Saturday, May 9th, 2009. Upon completion of the new section of Phillips Avenue, approximately 23 sculptures will be relocated there. Sculpture relocations by SculptureWalk are scheduled for June 20th 2009.

e) *Going Home Sculpture – Dedication - Wed., Nov 11, 2009 Veterans Memorial Park*

Russ Sorenson announced that a sculpture dedication event is being planned by the Staff Sergeant Robb L. Roling Family and Veterans Memorial Park Board to honor honors and commemorates the fallen soldiers of this area who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. The dedication event is scheduled for Wednesday November 11, 2009, at Veteran's Memorial Park. Event details and time are in process of being determined. The Visual Arts Commission is invited to attend this event.

f) *Website Updates – Completed*

Russ Sorenson, indicated the monthly updates to the Commission's website page have been completed.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no other public input received.

ITEM 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, June 16th, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

HANDOUTS – April 17, 2009 Meeting

- o May 19th Meeting Agenda
- o April 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Items 4 & 5