



MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 18, 2009
9:00 a.m.

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

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Clark – SculptureWalk, Mark Cotter – Director of Public Works, Kelby Mieras – Parks & Recreation; Thea Miller Ryan – Outdoor Campus, Darwin Wolf - Sculptor, Russ Sorenson – Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairperson Lyle Pudwill called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 July 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve the July 21, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. Sculpture Placements on Public Property

- a) **“Circle of Friends” by Karen Crain, Colo - 2008 SculptureWalk People’s Choice Award – Orpheum Theatre**

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, referenced the information packet submitted to the Commission and stated the “Circle of Friends” bronze sculpture by Karen Crain was selected for the 2008 SculptureWalk People’s Choice Award. The City of Sioux Falls owns the sculpture. As part of the 2009 SculptureWalk Program, the sculpture is currently located on a quartzite pedestal in front of the Orpheum Theatre. This request is to permanently place the sculpture in front of the Orpheum Theatre, unless otherwise determined by the city. The 420 lbs sculpture measures 42” in heights, 36” in width, and

is 28" in length. Russ indicated there have been no known objections expressed with the current placement as part of 2009 SculptureWalk Program. Mr. Jim Clark, SculptureWalk, indicated the Orpheum Theatre management company is very pleased to have the sculpture located in front of the theatre.

There were no other public comments received.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to recommend approval of the "Circle of Friends" sculpture and placement as presented to the City Council. Commissioner Lary Etten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b) "I've Been Kissed" by Pokey Park - Sertoma Park Outdoor Campus

Presenters: Thea Miller Ryan (Outdoor Campus), Jim Clark (SculptureWalk), Kelby Mieras (Parks & Rec)

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, referenced the information packet submitted to the Commission and stated the "I've Been Kissed" bronze sculpture by Pokey Park was purchased by the SD Parks and Wildlife Foundation. This request is to permanently place the sculpture at Sertoma Park Outdoor Campus, near the existing butterfly garden. Ms. Thea Miller Ryan – Outdoor Campus representative, expressed the sculpture is being placed on land owned by the City of Sioux Falls, but leased to the State. The sculpture was purchased with the intent of creating an educational tool for amphibian and aquatic education, as well as wedding photograph opportunities, at Sertoma Park Outdoor Campus. The 250 lbs. sculpture measures 30" in height, 24" in width, and is 24" in length and will set on a 3' X 3' quartzite pedestal.

Kelby Mireas, Parks & Recreation, mentioned this sculpture placement is scheduled to be considered by the Parks & Recreation Board on September 15th, 4:00 pm, at Great Bear Chalet before final action by the City Council.

There were no other public comments received.

Commissioner Jerry Hauck made a motion to recommend approval of the "I've Been Kissed" sculpture and placement as presented. Commissioner Anita Kealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. Discussion of 2010 – 2014 Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects and 8th Street Improvement Project – Public Works

Presenter: Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works

Mark Cotter, Director of Public Works, provided the Commission with an update on the 8th Street reconstruction project and other Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects. The 8th Street reconstruction project is programmed for construction in 2010. It is anticipated the design phase for the project will begin late September and be completed sometime in December of this year. The project design will encompass the 8th Street section from the Big Sioux River Bridge, west to Minnesota Avenue. At this time, funding for the project is limited. Currently there is enough money to reconstruct 8th Street, from the bridge west to Main Avenue. Mr. Cotter indicated if possible, he would like to include the 8th Street segment to Dakota Avenue, adjacent to the Main Library, which is completing their renovation project. Mr. Cotter also mentioned that Xcel Energy had previously provided funding to study accent lighting the 8th Street bridge. He also noted that with the River Greenway Improvements project there may be other opportunities to incorporate visual art and design components into that project design. Mr. Cotter emphasized the design phase for the 8th Street reconstruction project, as well as other street projects, is the

appropriate time whereby public input and ideas are solicited and is a good starting point and opportunity for the Visual Arts Commission to become involved.

Mr. Cotter explained other Public Works Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects that may be considered for incorporating visual art and artistic design elements include:

- River Boulevard – from 14th Street & Cliff Avenue intersection east toward Southeastern Avenue in 2010;
- Reconstruction of West Avenue – from Russell Street to 6th Street in 2011;
- Reconstruction of Russell Street – from Westport Avenue to Minnesota Avenue in 2013;
- Reconstruction of Cliff Avenue – from Benson Road to 60th Street North in 2012;
- 41st Street Bridge – design in October 2009 and construction in 2010.

Mr. Cotter said he welcomes the Visual Arts Commission's ideas and input into these Public Works projects. He suggested that Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison for the Commission, be the point of contact for communicating future Public Works public meeting dates to the Commission and for submitting the Commission's design ideas for the 8th Street reconstruction project and other CIP projects.

Commissioner Jerry Hauck expressed that Eastbank business owners, along 8th Street, would be very interested in the 8th Street project design and construction schedule and would appreciate receiving future meeting notifications about the project from Public Works Dept.

Commissioner Lary Etten commented that bridges are unique and have their own identity. He urged that bridge lighting and perhaps new archways, serving as accent gateways to downtown be strongly considered.

Other Commissioners expressed their interest in working with the Public Works staff and consultants in providing ideas to enhance our city's streetscapes visually and artistically.

There were no other comments presented.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Cotter for his informative presentation.

ITEM 7. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

- a) Call for Art – Artistic Bicycle Racks – Resolution to Council – July 20, 2009
Commissioners Hauck, Cooper and Kealey indicated they would like to serve on a VAC Subcommittee to promote the sales and placement of bicycle racks.
- b) Sertoma Butterfly House Sculpture – Resolution to Council - July 20, 2009
- c) North Phillips Avenue Visual Art Wall Project – *In Varietate Concordia* - artists plaque to be installed.
- d) CommUnity Youth Mosaic – Phase III Celebration - Sat., August 29, 2009 3:00 pm to -5:00 pm
- e) Going Home Sculpture – Dedication - Sat., Nov 7, 2009 , 1:30 pm Veterans Memorial Park
- f) Website Updates – Completed.
- g) 2009 Work Plan

ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT

It was mentioned the Helen McKennan Sculpture dedication at McKennan Park is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 4:00 pm.

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

HANDOUTS – July 20, 2009 Meeting

- o August 18, 2009 Meeting Agenda
- o July 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Item 4, 5, & 6