MEMBERS PRESENT: Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer; Sandra Pay; James Zajicek;
MEMBERS ABSENT: Ivy Oland; - excused;
OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Squyer, Planning Office Intern; Russ Sorenson, Urban Planner & VAC Staff Liaison (City Planning Office)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION
Commission Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, welcomed the Visual Arts Commissioners (VAC) and guest.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA
Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no public comments received. With no agenda changes mentioned, Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, declared the regular agenda approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the VAC’s Meeting Minutes for April 11, 2018 and April 17, 2018
(No May or June Meetings, due to lack of quorum)
Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, requested a motion to approve the April 11, 2018 work session meeting minutes and the April 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Kellen Boice made a motion to approve both the April 11, 2018 work session meeting minutes and the April 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner James Zajicek seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda both the April 11, 2018 work session meeting minutes and the April 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on Proposed Amendments to VAC Bylaws
Russ Sorenson, VAC Staff Liaison, presented the July 17, 2018 VAC Bylaws Amendment information packet to the Commissioners. Russ mentioned that after internal city staff discussion, it is his understanding that removing the registered voter requirement in most cases would not be an issue. However, limiting membership to legal residents is red flag language to avoid. It has the possibility of causing issues, especially claims of discrimination. Since this matter involves more than just one city Board/Commission/Committee, it seemed prudent to bring this matter to the attention of Director Cooper, and the city attorney’s office for further review, consideration, and understanding.

Russ Sorenson also referenced a Memorandum to All City Sioux Falls Boards and Commissions from Diane Best, Assistant City Attorney, dated June 14, 2018, relative to the Open Meetings Law change effective July 1, 2018, concerning an agenda provision for public input on non-agenda items.
There are two proposed bylaw amendments with regard to: 1) membership and appointment; and 2) order of regular meeting or public hearing. To be amended to read:

Article II. Membership and Appointment

Section 1. Members must be registered voters of the city. Commission members are appointed by the Mayor from the Sioux Falls community. The Visual Arts Commission shall consist of seven members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. The Commission shall consist of a maximum of seven members who serve three-year terms for a maximum of two terms. Membership shall be a diverse mixture of citizens including: a member of the Board of Directors of the Sioux Falls Arts Council at the time of appointment and a practicing visual artist. An appointed person may continue to serve the Board for up to an additional four months after the expiration of his/her term of office until a replacement is appointed and approved. If any person is appointed to serve an unexpired term and serves less than one-half of that remaining unexpired term, then that person would be eligible to serve an additional two consecutive full terms of office.

Article VII. Order of a Regular Meeting or Public Hearing

1. Call to order and determination of quorum.
2. Welcome and Introductions.
3. Approval of regular agenda.
4. Public input on non-agenda items. (Chairperson)
   (5-minute comment period per individual)
5. Items of the present agenda presented.
6. Other business.
7. Announcements.
8. Adjournment.

There were no public comments received. Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to approve the bylaw amendments, as presented. Commissioner Sandra Pay seconded the motion. The motion to approve the VAC’s bylaw amendments passed unanimously.

ITEM 6. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Chairperson)

Vice Chairperson, Zach DeBoer, any person in attendance to come forward and speak on non-agenda items. There were no public comments expressed.

ITEM 7. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - (Sandra Pay, Sioux Falls Arts Council representative)

a. Cultural Plan Implementation – no comments
b. Other?
   Commissioner Sandra Pay provided an update to the Commissioners about the Sioux Falls Arts Council. She emphasized the new President for the Sioux Falls Arts Council Board of Directors is Mr. Alex Hagen, and the leadership transition is going well. She also noted the First Friday of the Month events are successful and have exceeded attendance expectations. It is an opportunity for the community to meet and mingle with Board members, and community artists.

   Sandra also mentioned the Sioux Falls Arts Council is actively seeking candidates for the Sioux Falls Arts Council’s Executive Director position at this time.
ITEM 8. VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES
   a. PUBLIC ART INTEGRATION – Strategic Planning Session Update by Subcommittee – (Commissioners Ivy Oland, Zach DeBoer, James Zajicek)

   Russ Sorenson, VAC Staff Liaison, provided an update from the April 11th Working Session Meeting. Three Commissioners were present. Due to the lack of a quorum, no formal actions were taken by the Commissioners. The small group continued their work drafting a Google document entitled, “Public Art Integration (PAI) - VAC Member Collaborations” 2018.

   Commissioners determined their next Working Session Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, would prefer to meet at the Downtown Library, located at 200 N Dakota Avenue, if possible. Russ Sorenson acknowledged the meeting date change and will follow up with the Library about reserving space for that particular meeting date/time and let the Commissioners know.

   STAFF NOTE:
   Working Session Meeting - Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Downtown Library - Meeting Room A.

   b. VAC WEBSITE UPDATES – Completed.

   Russ Sorenson commented the VAC’s website has been updated. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Russ for provided additional information on their website page.

ITEM 9. OTHER BUSINESS

   Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, presented two communication items to the Commissioners. The first communication received is from Jessica Sexe, Sustainability Coordinator for the City of Sioux Falls. Jessica sent a nice thank you note card expressing her gratitude to the VAC for their continued support of the Storm Inlet Painting Program. The program is in its third year and has been very successful in spreading the important message about water quality and the Big Sioux River. Commissioners expressed their appreciation and continued support to participate in jurying future Storm Inlet Painting Project designs.

   The second communication received is from Vanessa Vicker, Infrastructure Design Group, who has requested an opportunity to present to the VAC at their August 21st meeting about the proposed 8th Street Luten Arch Bridge Rehabilitation project.

   No action was taken on the communication items. There was no other business presented or discussed by the Commission.

ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

   a) South Dakota Arts Conference – May 4-5, 2018 @ Downtown Holiday Inn Centre
      https://artssouthdakota.org/state-arts-conference/

   b) NEXT VAC MEETINGS –
      o Working Session Meeting - Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 5:30 – 7:30 pm, Downtown Library Meeting Room A, 200 N Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls
      o Regular Meeting - Tuesday, August 21, 2018 May 15, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street

ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT

   With no further business, the Commissioners adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:49 a.m.

HANDOUTS – July April 17, 2018 Meeting
   o July 17, 2018 Agenda
   o Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2018 Work Session and April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting
   o Proposed Bylaws Amendments
   o FAC Updates
   o Public Art Integration