

**MEETING MINUTES  
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**

**March 19, 2019**

**9:00 a.m.**

**City Center, 231 N. Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls SD**

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer, Keith Lapour; Ivy Oland; James Zajicek;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sandra Pay - excused;

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Clark, SculptureWalk; Dan Grider, Great Bear Recreation Park; Mike Patten, Parks & Recreation; Russ Sorenson, Urban Planner & Staff Liaison

**Staff Note:** Due to the City's Flood Emergency Operations Center in Room #110, the VAC meeting was moved to Room #208, City Center, Second Floor. Notices were posted at City Center main entrance, and #110 Falls and #208 Sertoma meeting room doorways.

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION**

Commission Chairperson, Ivy Oland, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

The Visual Arts Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed their guests. Guests: Jim Clark, SculptureWalk; Dan Grider, Great Bear Recreation Park; and Mike Patten, Parks & Recreation; introduced themselves to the Commission.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson Ivy Oland, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. With no agenda changes mentioned, Commissioner James Zajicek made a motion to approve the regular agenda. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion to approve the regular agenda was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the VAC's Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2019**

Chairperson Ivy Oland, requested a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 regular session meeting minutes. Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Commissioner James Zajicek seconded the motion. The motion to approve the VAC's February 19, 2019, regular meeting minutes was unanimously approved.

**ITEM 5. PUBLIC INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*(5-minute comment period per individual)*

Chairperson Ivy Oland, asked if there were any guests in attendance to speak on non-agenda items. There were no guest comments expressed or received on non-agenda items.

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#### ITEM 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Recognition of Commissioner Sandra Pay for distinguished service on the VAC

Chairperson Ivy Oland, acknowledged that since Commissioner Sandra Pay is not present, this item be deferred. There were no objections expressed by the Commission.

There was no other unfinished business items.

#### ITEM 7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Review and Action on Sculpture Placement(s)  
1) "*Bear, Lee, Standing*" by Gary Hovey @ Great Bear Recreation Park (5901 E Rice St.)  
(Presenter(s) - Dan Grider, Great Bear Recreation Area; Michael Patten, Parks & Recreation)

The "*Bear, Lee, Standing*" sculpture is the 2018 SculptureWalk People's Choice that is comprised of knives, forks and spoons, that are a stainless steel material. The sculpture is of a standing bear that measures approximately six (6) feet in height, and is three (3) feet in width.

Dan Grider, General Manager for the Great Bear Recreation Park, presented this item. Dan Grider explained that annually, during the winter season at Great Bear there are approximately 40,000 lift tickets purchased to accommodate snow skiers, snowboarders, and tubers. Additionally, there are several individuals and families that cross-country ski and snowshoe on the park's nature trails. Dan Grider also commented that in the off-season during 2019 (April – October) there are 16 wedding events, along with other corporate and community events (ie: Scheels Sports, Augustana University) already scheduled. Additionally, in the off-season, there are several individuals and families that trek on the park's trails.

Dan Grider explained the proposed sculpture site placement would be at the main front (west) entrance of the existing Chalet building. The "Bear" sculpture would be elevated and anchored securely on a pedestal platform that would have surrounding access, Chalet landscaping, and lighting. Dan Grider explained the security lighting and surveillance systems that are in place at Great Bear. He noted the proposed front entrance location at Great Bear would be a fantastic photograph opportunity for the recreation park's users and visitors.

Michael Patten, City Park Development Specialist, reiterated that according to the site design concept plan, the "Bear" sculpture would be prominently displayed at the main entrance of the Chalet building and face west. Michael Patten mentioned that both the Great Plains Zoo and Great Bear were contacted about this sculpture placement. It was noted that since the Zoo acknowledged they already have sculptures onsite, they deferred to Great Bear to have their first city-owned sculpture placement.

Michael Patten also explained that given Great Bear Recreation Park is one of the daily "report to work" locations for city park staff, the sculpture would be visible and monitored. Since the sculpture is city-owned, the City of Sioux Falls will be responsible for project costs associated with sculpture placement and installation and be included in the City's annual art conservation maintenance program.

Commissioner Zach DeBoer remarked that he liked the proposed placement at Great Bear's Chalet front entrance as it appropriately fits the recreation area's theme. He noted the sculpture is somewhat shielded from elements and that lighting and surveillance already exist for the proposed location. He inquired if the sculpture could be sited to accommodate 360 degree ADA access around the sculpture. Mike Patten, City Park Development Specialist, responded that sidewalk access is the placement goal for the sculpture.

The Commission evaluated the criteria for the proposed sculpture placement (ie: appropriateness, relevance, site plan, installation cost, safety/security, visibility/impact and artwork concept and context).

Chairperson Ivy Oland mentioned that she feels this proposed location is appropriate for city-owned

sculpture placement. She expressed the VAC wants to see city-owned sculptures on public display out in the community rather than placed in storage. She affirmed the importance of looking at all city-owned properties for visual art placement.

Michael Patten noted that existing city-owned sculptures are not just located within our downtown area, but placed in several city park areas, including: Falls Park; Van Eps Park; Ft. Sod Park; McKennan Park; Sherman Park; Terrace Park; Zoo; Yankton Trails Park; Veterans Park; and Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. Commissioner James Zajicek inquired that since the sculpture would be placed outdoors, if more conservation maintenance opportunities could be provided, rather than just the annual scheduled maintenance for this sculpture.

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, explained the city's art conservator consultant conducts an annual on-site assessment for all city-owned artworks and provides a maintenance program with conservation / maintenance recommendations for each art piece. For city-owned artworks located within city parks, such recommendations are provided to Parks for continuous monitoring and implementation into their work programming.

Jim Clark, SculptureWalk Executive Director, commented that he contacted the sculpture artist, Gary Hovey, and the Bear has approximately 1,000 welds and took approximately 500 hours to construct. Jim Clark mentioned that initially he had concerns about this People's Choice sculpture placement at Great Bear, rather than being placed within the city core area. He mentioned that other city-owned People's Choice sculptures are located within the city's core area within various city parks. Jim Clark expressed that after listening to the presentation made by Dan Grider and Michael Patten, about Great Bear Recreation Area's year round users and visitors, and seeing the plan and photographs of the proposed site location near the Chalet, and learning about the existing provisions for placement, lighting, security, staff monitoring, and maintenance, that his concerns were diminished.

Jim Clark mentioned that he would still like to see the city develop a comprehensive plan for People's Choice sculpture placements. He noted that on previous occasions the establishment of a sculpture garden at Falls Park was discussed as well as to perhaps place the award winning sculptures along Main Avenue from the Washington Pavilion to the Falls.

Ivy Oland, Chairperson, acknowledged the idea of developing a plan for future city-owned artwork locations, but emphasized it is important for the VAC to consider all city-owned properties located throughout the whole city, and not just within the core area.

Commissioner Keith Lapour commented the VAC should examine this topic and consider developing a strategy and placement guidelines for People's Choice award winning sculptures that make them available to public eyes. He suggested a volunteer VAC subcommittee be established to work together with Jim Clark. Volunteer VAC members that expressed interest to serve on a People's Choice Award Subcommittee include: Keith Lapour; Zach DeBoer; and Kellen Boice.

Ivy Oland, Chairperson, then reiterated the VAC seems to be generally supportive of the proposed "Bear" sculpture and placement at Great Bear Recreation Area. She noted it is more than a seasonal park and that accent lighting and surveillance, along with monitoring and maintenance recommendations from the city's art conservation consultant (RLA) can be provided and shared with Parks staff.

There were no other public comments expressed or received.

Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to recommend approval for the "*Bear, Lee, Standing*" sculpture and placement at Great Bear Recreation Area, near the main front (west) entrance of the existing Chalet building, and including existing lighting and surveillance, and the city's art conservation/maintenance consultant's prescribed future maintenance provisions. Commissioner Kellen Boice seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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- b) Sioux Falls Arts Council Updates  
(Presenter(s): Alex Hagen – Sioux Falls Arts Council)
  - 1) Cultural Plan Implementation
  - 2) Other?

Chairperson, Ivy Oland, inquired that since there were no Sioux Falls Arts Council representatives present, if there were any Sioux Falls Arts Council updates to present. Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, responded there were no Sioux Falls Arts Council updates to present at this time.

- c) Visual Arts Commission Project Updates
  - 1) Public Art Integration – Strategic Planning Session Update by Subcommittee – (Commissioners Ivy Oland, Zach DeBoer, James Zajicek)  
Chairperson Ivy Oland commented since the last VAC meeting that she and Commissioner Zach DeBoer have met to collaborate on wordsmithing the DRAFT document. Chairperson Ivy Oland encouraged the commissioners to continue working on their respective focus areas in preparation for the next VAC work session in April.
  - 2) Website Updates – Completed

There were no other public comments expressed or received regarding the above update items.

- d) REVIEW & ACTION on 2019 VAC Meeting Calendar, Time, Location  
The Commissioners present agreed to postpone the election of officers until the new VAC members are appointed, and a full Commission present.
- e) Election of Officers  
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**ITEM 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a) NEXT MEETINGS –
  - 1) Working Session Meeting—Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 5:30–7:30 p.m., Downtown Library, 200 N Main Ave.
  - 2) Regular Meeting—Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 9 a.m., City Center, 231 N Dakota Ave.

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Commissioners agreed to adjourn their meeting at approximately 10:06 a.m.