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**MEETING MINUTES
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
9:00 A.M.
CITY CENTER, 231 N. DAKOTA AVENUE, SIOUX FALLS SD**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Kellen Boice; Zach DeBoer; Keith Lapour; Michael Jamison; Ivy Oland; James Zajicek;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Schaefer - excused;
OTHERS PRESENT: Michael Patten – City Parks and Recreation Department;
Russ Sorenson – Staff Liaison;
Shawna Goldammer - Staff Liaison;

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination: Commission Chairperson, Ivy Oland, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2. Welcome New Members and Introductions: Commission Chairperson Ivy Oland welcomed the commissioners and guests. She then asked everyone to introduce himself or herself.

ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Agenda: Chairperson Oland asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Michael Jamison made a motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Keith Lapour seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes from August 20, Meeting: Commissioner Zach DeBoer made a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 regular session meeting minutes and Commissioner Michael Jamison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items. Commission Chairperson Oland noted that no “public” attended, and therefore no public comments were expressed or received on non-agenda items.

ITEM 6. Unfinished Business: None

ITEM 7. New Business

a) Property Dedication Plaque @ Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum

Michael Patten, Parks & Recreation explained the land gift from the Rise Family that will be incorporated into the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. He went on to say that a dedication plaque to memorialize this gift has been requested by the family. The exact location of the plaque will be determined, but will be on the parcel being gifted. It will also be included as consideration for the Arboretum's updated Master Plan.

There was no further public discussion. Commissioners Michael Jamison made a motion to approve the Rise Family's land dedication plaque as presented. Commissioner Keith Lapour seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Russ Sorenson then asked the chairperson to consider allowing Michael Patten, Parks Development Specialist, to update the Commission on agenda item 7 c) 3a). Sculpture Placements – Updates - for "*Sacred Buffalo*" by Porter Williams, Artist, @ Sherman Park, West Indian Mound Drive Retaining Wall.

Michael Patten updated the Commission about this stone artwork project. The Project's General Contractor is Dakotaland Sod. Subcontractor(s)/Artists are Porter Williams & Chris Lee. Robbie Veurink (Midwest Engineering) is the City's structural engineer consultant for this project. Mike Bassing – Public Works Engineering, is the Project Mgr. and Michael Patten – Parks Development Specialist, is also Parks Project Mgr.

Michael Patten expressed important project dates are:

- Sept. 24, 2019 Notice to Proceed (NTP) to be given for Project Start (wall demo portion of project – stones to be salvaged & reused) by Porter Williams & Chris Lee;
- Oct. 28, 2019 Artistic Wall installation begins – (pending executed agreement and funding by Parks and weather permitting);
- Nov. 15, 2019 Dakotaland Sod's deadline to complete the remaining scope of work for the structural engineered retaining wall.

The commissioners mentioned that a better viewing platform, or sidewalk apron, for the stone art wall should be provided to view the stone artwork. Because currently with no sidewalk, it is not safe for pedestrians. A view from Google Maps was displayed to help the Commission visualize the "*Sacred Buffalo*" by Porter Williams, Artist, @ Sherman Park, along West Indian Mound Drive. Placement for a viewing platform, or sidewalk apron, to view the stone artwork wall, should be considered across West Indian Mound Drive, to the north.

- b) Sioux Falls Arts Council Updates
Michael Jamison —*Sioux Falls Arts Council* updated the Commission regarding the hiring of an Arts Council Director and the hiring process is well underway. Commissioner Jamison then stated how happy the SF Arts Council was to be involved in the City Hall Art exhibit.

- c) Visual Arts Commission Project Updates
 - 1) Public Art Integration—Work Session Update;
Subcommittee (Commissioners Oland, DeBoer, Jamison) Chairperson Ivy Oland updated the group regarding the work session that had taken place on September 11, 2019. She stated the group had approved the first two chapters of the document and encouraged committee members to continue working on the “Public Art Integration Draft Document” on the Google drive. Commissioner Michael

 - 2) City Hall Revolving Art Program Update;
Subcommittee (Commissioners Oland, Boice, Lapour & Angelica M - SFAC) Russ Sorenson updated the commission as to the recently sent e-mail that indicated the SF Arts Council has received 12 artwork submittals for the four locations identified in the City Hall Revolving Art Program. On September 20, the selection committee will notify the artists of the chosen pieces. The Commission encouraged more promotion next time.

 - 3) Sculpture Placements - Updates
 - a) “Sacred Buffalo” by Porter Williams, Artist, @ Sherman Park, West Indian Mound Drive Retaining Wall; (see previous discussion after agenda item 7 c) 3a).

 - b) Sculpture Placements for SculptureWalk People’s Choice Award
Subcommittee (Commissioners Boice, DeBoer, Lapour).
Commissioner Lapour explained how the subcommittee had explored options for the People’s Choice SculptureWalk artworks. Commissioner Lapour emphasized that having a central downtown location was preferred by the subcommittee because having the artworks disbursed throughout the community made it more difficult for many to enjoy the art. He explained that Van Eps Park lends itself perfectly for a sculpture garden. He explained how Van Eps Park is visible from Minnesota Avenue, it is accessible has foot traffic. Commissioner Lapour went on to say that the last subcommittee meeting took place before the CIP presentation about the improvements to Minnesota Avenue; after hearing about the Minnesota Avenue visual improvements, the sculpture garden at Van Eps park made a lot of sense.

The Commission then discussed the merits of establishing a sculpture garden.

Subcommittee will contact Jim Clark and discuss sculpture placement options for the People's Choice Award before any recommendation is made.

Subcommittee members commented they will come up with a recommendation document and bring it forward at next month's meeting.

ITEM 8. Other Business:

Commissioner Zach DeBoer explained an opportunity that he and Commissioner Oland have been working on with the property owners of a downtown building that has an exposed concrete wall (part of the private parking structure) and a mural. He went on to say they have also met with Planning staff members, Adam Roach and Dustin Powers. Utilizing the VAC's work session Draft Call for Art as an example, the property owners recently conducted their own Call for Art for mural artwork. The submittal deadline is Sept 27 with painting to start the first week in October. The commission then had a brief discussion regarding advertising and city ordinances regarding signage. Additionally, they identified the other private murals.

On other items, Russ Sorenson updated the Commission regarding the City Hall Revolving Art, and recent conversations from the public about naming the City Hall exhibit space as the Charlotte Visser Carver Gallery.

Russ then explained the Martin Luther King bronze sculpture project and a grant application submittal from the Sioux Falls Arts Council to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation requesting match funding to fabricate and install such sculpture at Van Eps Park. Pending a successful award of grant funding from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation, the sculpture project proposal will proceed to the city's VAC and Parks Board for subsequent reviews and recommendations to the City Council for their consideration.

ITEM 9. Announcements: Next Meetings

- 1) Working Session Meeting—Wednesday, October 9, 2019, 5:30–7:30 p.m., @ Downtown Library, 200 North Main Avenue
- 2) Regular Meeting—Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 9 a.m., @ City Center, 231 North Dakota Avenue

ITEM 10. Adjournment: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.