

SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

Tuesday, July 20, 2021
9:00 am

City Center, 231 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD
WebEx Video Conference Meeting (optional)

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MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1. (0:10) Call to Order and Quorum Determination The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Chairperson James Zajicek.

Member Participants: James Zajicek, Mike Jaminson, Joe Schaffer, Zack DeBoer and Sara Lum.

Members Absent: Kellen Boice and Keith Lapour

Other Participants: Diane deKoeper, Arts Liaison

ITEM 2. Welcome Members and Guests: Justin Arlt, Prairie Green Golf Course, Steve Thomas, Artist of Sea Breeze and Mike Patten, Parks Department

ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Agenda (1:42)

Commissioner Jamison made a motion to approve the regular agenda and Commissioner Lum seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting (1:53)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jamison to approve the June 15 meeting minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner DeBoer. The minutes were unanimously approved.

ITEM 5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: (2:26)

No public was in attendance at the meeting to provide input.

ITEM 6. Unfinished Business

a) Utility Box Artwork: (2:40) Commissioner Jamison provided an update in Commissioner Boice's absence. All the artwork has been photographed and sent to Clean Slate. Commissioner Jamison noted that there's a nice diversity of artwork.

b) Art Mural Application and Registration Brochure: (3:40) Review by commissioners present. Commissioner Zajicek noted that under **Why Register My Mural**, add that we want to list locations for public viewing. Also soften the language, **It's Required By Law**

ITEM 7. New Business

a) Placement of Sea Dream Sculpture: (5:07) Mike Patten provided some history of the process regarding removal of the sculpture, reconstruction of Fort Sod Park and repairs to the sculpture. Mike noted that Sioux Steel rebuilt the sculpture and it is now in the Park Storage Shop. Parks worked with the artist, Steve Thomas for the location at Prairie Green Golf Course on a hill adjacent to 69th Street. Sea Dream was originally located in downtown Sioux Falls as a catalyst for artwork and it now will be the first sculpture located in Lincoln County. The application includes a site plan with landscaping around the sculpture that will consist of annual and perennial flowers. Since the sculpture is part of city owned art, city crews will install and provide landscaping around it.

(12:50) Commissioner DeBoer expressed his concern for relocating the sculpture to somewhere other than downtown and that the proposed location will be viewed mostly by cars driving 45 mph rather than by pedestrians. He also noted that the sculpture has been identified as a golf ball and that by locating it at Prairie Green confirms it's identity rather than as Sea Dream. He also stated that he would not be in favor of locating it at the golf course.

(16:47) Commissioner Zajicek asked the artist, Steve Thomas if he would like to speak about the sculpture. Steve expressed that the sculpture came from the dream that came from the sea, the waves and flight of the sea gulls on Marthas Vineyard. The grass on the prairie is similar and the sea could come back to the prairie. He also thought it could be an impetus in including sculpture in the city, everywhere. Steve felt that the original location at Fort Sod was a world class location and that the sculpture of David should have been located there. The sculpture has been a community conversation for over forty years and he has accepted the reference to it as a golf ball. At one time Steve thought the sculpture could be located on a small island south of the golf course where geese are located. Steve realized over the years that it should be located outside of downtown due to all the other artwork like the Arc of Dreams and Sculpture Work and that it would be an opportunity to provide a new location for it.

(23:40) Commissioner DeBoer asked about locating the sculpture at Falls Park West with the design of the masterplan. Mike Patten responded that he wasn't sure where they were at in the design process for the project. Steve mentioned that the sculpture was designed to be portable and could be moved around if the city wanted it to be.

(28:40) Commissioner Zajicek asked if there will be a sidewalk for access to the sculpture. Mike Patten noted that a sidewalk will be constructed in 2022 around the sculpture. Light fixtures are located in the parking lot and street and will provide light to view the sculpture. Security cameras are also located at the Club House and could be viewed for security.

(31:38) Commissioner Jamison noted that there has been quite a bit of dialogue about the sculpture since it's been removed, but maybe not enough between the VAC and the Park Board to work towards a solution for placement together. Commissioner Jamison noted his disappointment that the VAC didn't have the opportunity to be part of earlier conversations.

Justin mentioned that the golf course has about 55,000 visitors in about a seven month season and that with Senior Living Complex, Looks Restaurant, residential properties, pedestrians on 69th and Grand Prairie residents would give the sculpture attention

(35:50) Commissioner Lum asked if there is precedent to locate public art on private property like Prairie Green. Mike Patten replied that it is not private property, but a city golf course and open to the public. Access to the sculpture is available to everyone.

(40:45) Commissioner DeBoer asked to create a desirable path with trees and benches for people to sit and enjoy the sculpture. Mike Patten was receptive to adding site amenities to the location. The plaque of the historic marker will also be located adjacent to the sculpture.

(47:05) Commissioner Zajicek requested a motion to approve the placement of Sea Dream at Prairie Green Golf Course. Commissioner Schaeffer made the motion to approve the location, and Commissioner Zajicek seconded the motion. Commissioner Schaeffer, Zajicek and Lum voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner DeBoer voted no to locate the sculpture at Prairie Green and Commissioner Jamison abstained from voting.

(56:10) Commissioner Jamison requested to have Steve Thomas work with CityLink for an interview and to also have it available on the city's website to document his passion for the project. Mike Patten also noted that there could be a ribbon cutting when Sea Dream is placed at Prairie Green.

a) **Park Board Meeting** to review the placement of Sea Dream is Wednesday, July 21 at 4:00pm at the Mary Carr (Hayward Elementary School) Community Center.

ITEM 8. Other Business

a) **RLA Conservation Inc.**, visit to Sioux Falls July 26 – August 6 for Art Maintenance (57:09)
A meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, July 27 at 8:00am at City Center to meet with representatives from RLA. Three Commissioners are welcome to attend so as to not create a quorum. Commissioners Zajicek, Boice and Schaeffer were originally invited by Diane. Commissioner Schaeffer noted that he has a conflict but Commissioner DeBoer could take his place.

ITEM 9. Announcements

a) **Working Session Meeting postponed to either August 5th or 12th** (1:00:30)
Commissioners Zajicek, Schaeffer and DeBoer are available on either dates. Diane will contact Commissioner Boice for her availability. Commissioner Lum will not be available and Commissioner Jamison cannot commit at this time.

b) **Next VAC Meeting is scheduled for August 17 at 9:00am.**

ITEM 10. Adjournment (1:02: 05)