

SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 19, 2021
9:00 am

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

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MEETING MINUTES

ITEM 1. (7:27) Call to Order and Quorum Determination Chairperson James Zajicek called the meeting to order at 9:01am

Member Participants: James Zajicek, , Kellen Boice, Sara Lum and Joe Schaffer attended the meeting in person. Mike Jamison and Zach DeBoer (11:32) joined the meeting via WebEx.

Members Absent: None

Other Participants: Kevin Smith, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services and Diane deKoeper, Arts Liaison

ITEM 2. Welcome Members and Guests: No guests present

ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Agenda: Commissioner Jamison made the motion to approve the regular agenda and Commissioner Schaffer seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting: (8:20) Commissioner Schaffer made a motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Kellen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM 5: Public Input on Non-Agenda Items: No public was in attendance at the meeting to provide input.

ITEM 6. Unfinished Business (8:40) None

ITEM 7. New Business (9:05)

a) Art Placement in City Design and Building Projects Discussion, Kevin Smith

Kevin reviewed his experience in working with developers and the possibility to expand art opportunities in both private and public developments.

- Where in the development process would be appropriate for the VAC to share their opinions and visions, not only with the city, but the development community who might be willing to invest and bring aesthetic value to a development.
- As the city grows there should be opportunity and vision for public art throughout the community. VAC should be able to share their vision of projects similar to the 85th and I-229 project coming up where including artwork could make it more visually interesting than just planning roads and infrastructure.
- Next year the Downtown Development Plan will be updated to identify expanded boundaries to include 6th and 8th Streets. The VAC's involvement in the planning process would be valuable if included in early discussions rather than trying to squeeze it in after plans have been defined. East side of the river is an opportunity to set the vision of what it's going to look like. Engineers don't necessarily look for art opportunities so VAC's could lead this discussion.
- Art enhances our lives so why not have it infused into the planning process and not be an afterthought.
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Commissioner Boice brought up the Task Force document that VAC worked on to integrate art in development projects. Nothing has since come of it, but it included the possibility of 1% of a project budget put towards art.

Commissioner Schaffer stated his appreciation for the dialogue occurring and continuing the possibility of integrating art.

Commissioner Zaijeck reviewed the VAC's hope for a full-time Arts Liaison as part of the 1% arts fund, but unfortunately it wasn't funded.

Kevin reviewed a meeting he recently had with a developer that works in Illinois and Indiana for a large housing development in Sioux Falls and his number one concern was about amenities in our city (i.e. arts and recreation). If the city doesn't continue to invest in these amenities, then other cities will move ahead of Sioux Falls to attract those developers and their projects.

Commissioner Jamison reviewed how years ago landscape architects started to work with civil engineers started to work together on a team, but they should also have an artist involved for the artistic component into the design process.

Kevin reiterated that the earlier involvement the VAC has in a project, whether it's a city or developer project it will provide a more cohesive vision.

b) Falls Park Masterplan, Art Placement (38:20)

Mike Patten with Parks is planning to get stakeholders involved in the project and that will include the VAC in February or March. Commissioner Zajicek requested a link to the the selected masterplan from Confluence be sent out to everyone to start reviewing for discussion when Mike attends a future meeting.

c) Relocation for Jake on Bass in April 2022 (48:20)

Commissioner Zajicek requested an email be sent out to departments to ask for any interest or ideas for placement. Other locations could include:

- Humane Society
- School with a music program
- Levitt
- WPAS

Commissioner Boice asked that Bronze Age or the Foundry provide an opinion on the sculpture as to it's condition before it's relocated.

Doard discussion included information on average cost of sculptures and if the city should consider increasing what they might pay for the People's Choice sculpture. Diane will contact John and Brandon at the WPAS for information.

ITEM 8. Announcements (49:28)

a) Up-Coming VAC Working Session

- i. November 10, 2021 at the DT Library
- ii. Agenda will include the following information:
 - Bylaws and educating the public
 - 1% of project budget for the arts
 - VAC application review

b) Up-Coming VAC Regular Meeting

- i. November 16, 2021 at City Center, Room 110

Commissioner Boice noted that she has not provided an update from the Arts Council in several months. Diane will include it in the regular monthly meeting agenda. Kellen's report included the following:

1. Arts Council offices are moving to the Orpheum Theater, but unfortunately will be losing their gallery space and conferencing space.
2. The Arts Council received \$60,000 from the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation through the micro-grants program. The funds will be used to invest directly with artists.
3. Kellen would like to find a space that they can run their program and curate artists work.

ITEM 9. Adjournment: 9:57am