



## Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission

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### 2017 Annual Report

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Membership Representation							
	Sandra Pay	Larry Crane	Ivy Oland	Lawrence Ling	Steve Brummond	Zachary DeBoer	Aleta Branson
Sioux Falls Arts Council and Advocate for the Arts	X						
Architect and Advocate for the Arts		X					
Arts & Design Consultant and Advocate for the Arts			X				
Advocate for the Arts				X			
Artist and Advocate for the Arts					X		
Arts Gallery Owner & Advocate for the Arts						X	
Advocate for the Arts							X

#### **2017 Term Expirations:**

Steve Brummond (May 2017)

Aleta Branson (August 2017)

New member - Kellen Boice Appointed to March 2018 to fill unexpired term

New member - James Zajicek Appointed to August 2020 to replace Branson

#### **Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission**

Established by city ordinance (72-00) in August 2000, the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission is a group of seven city residents who serve in an advisory capacity, providing guidance and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council on matters related to visual art within the city. The Visual Arts Commission members are appointed by the Mayor. The appointments are subject to the review and approval of the City Council. The appointments are for a three year term, and Commission members are limited to two consecutive terms.

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**Duties of the Visual Arts Commission:**

The Visual Arts Commission shall act as an advisory body to the mayor and city council on matters pertaining to visual art. Its duties may include:

1. Developing a general policy for inclusion and approval of visual art in public places and projects.
2. Establishing criteria for visual art including compatibility with general, social, and physical environment with which the art is to relate, originality, diversity of style, structural design, quality, quantity, scope, scale, material, form, content, and durability.
3. Recommending visual art projects and identifying potential sites.
4. Recommending the placement of statues, monuments and memorials in city parks, in or on city property, and public right-of-way.
5. Encouraging the incorporation of visual art into the design of commercial, residential, and public projects.
6. Encouraging artists' involvement at the inception of city design and building projects.
7. Maintaining a directory of the city's inventory of visual art, including receipt annually of the city's plan for conservation and maintenance of art works.
8. Reviewing and making recommendations upon all works of art to be acquired by the city, either by purchase, gift, or otherwise.
9. Educating the community about the value and importance of visual art.
10. Advising or receiving recommendations from other city boards and commissions on matters involving the visual arts, including aesthetics and beautification.
11. Serving as the city's liaison with artists and advising on any proposed alteration, removal, or destruction of visual art projects, statues, monuments, or memorials in city parks or on city property.
12. Preparing an annual report to the mayor and council on the visual arts. The report may include a plan for future art projects.

**Mission Statement:**

Date Adopted: March 21, 2006

The mission of the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission is to support and encourage development of visual art for community buildings and spaces through its role as an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and other City government officials.

**2017 General Items:**

- Conduct public hearings in compliance with duties highlighted in City Ordinance 72-00.
- Review and make recommendations on visual art placements on City property.
- Initiate and facilitate calls for art as needed.
- Provide City project design assistance to incorporate artistic elements as requested.
- Provide effective communication to the public on visual art projects and events.

**2017 Target Items:**

<b>Adoption of 2016 Annual Report</b> (approved 1/17/2017)	January 2017
<b>Adoption of 2017 Work Program</b> (approved 1/17/2017)	January-February 2017
<b>Bylaws Updated</b> (approved 1/17/2017)	January-February 2017
<b>Election of Officers</b> (conducted 3/21/2017)	January-March 2017
<b>SculptureWalk Program Recommendations</b> (Res #20-17 approved 3/21/2017) Successful installation of 57 sculptures (May 2017)	February–March 2017
<b>Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Project Review for Public Art Integration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ (6-20-2017 – Finance)</li><li>○ (7-18-2017 – Public Works &amp; Parks)</li><li>○ (9-19-2017 – Community Development)</li></ul>	Spring-Summer 2017

**CityLink Programming** (VAC projects and events) (N/A) Spring-Summer 2017

**Live Well/BikeSmart Program** - Bicycle Rack Promotion & Installations - (Main Ave. – 8/2017) January–December 2017

**Cultural Plan Implementation** (Ongoing) January–December 2017

**Public Art Integration Strategic Planning** (Ongoing) January–December 2017

- The Commission explored definitions for art integration; reviewed trends and topics of: Policy; Administration; Funding; Master Planning; and Maintenance and Conservation. Developed DRAFT goals and objective statements; designed strategy matrix; followed the adopted Cultural Plan for Sioux Falls Cultural Facilities Public Art (Section 6.1.) and other adopted city plans.

**Continuance of City Art Maintenance Program** (7/2017–11/2017) January–December 2017

- City's art conservator consultant, Rosa Lowinger & Associates (RLA), performed maintenance and conservation work on city owned artworks.
- CommUnity Youth Mosaic Wall (6/2017 - 7/2017)  
Syverson Tile performed maintenance and conservation work on entire wall.

**Development & Support for Partnership Collaborations, Calls for Public Art & Venues** January–December 2017

- Sioux Falls Arts Council, Schools & Universities, Artists
- Storm Sewer Inlet Artwork Project (3-21-2017)  
A Draft Call for Art was presented to the Commissioners for their review and input. City Public Works Environmental, Sustainability Coordinator, explained the City of Sioux Falls' storm sewer system is an important public utility and plays a vital role in public safety by quickly eliminating water before it can accumulate and cause flooding. However, water that moves through the storm sewer system is discharged directly into the Big Sioux River with no treatment. To help raise awareness of the effect this has on water quality, the City of Sioux Falls partnered with local businesses, organizations, and individuals to paint murals on ten storm water inlets downtown in 2016. The purpose of this project was to draw attention to the storm sewer system and to educate the public that storm water is not treated. In 2017, these paintings on city storm sewer covers will again make the public and observers more conscious of preventing potential pollutants such as litter, debris, and hazardous chemicals from entering the storm sewer system. This art project will continue in 2017 and add five more inlets in the downtown area to the program. This year's theme phrase is "The Big Sioux Needs You!"
- 26th Street / Southeastern Avenue / Rotary Park Project in 2018 – 2020 (8-15-2017)  
Commission Subcommittee reviewed preferred wall and bridge design options. Aesthetic features for the project lend themselves well for public art integration opportunities for the VAC to provide input. Options and opportunities considered include:
  - 26th Street Bridge retaining walls and associated panel options
  - Bridge Piers – "T's" and Columns
  - Railing Aesthetics

**2017 Sculpture Placements** January–December 2017

SculptureWalk People's Choice Awards

- 2012 – *Daughters of Peace* by Victor Benjamin – location TBD
- 2015 – *Sunday with Jessie* by Susan Geissler @ 11<sup>th</sup> Street & 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue (Res #10-17 adopted 2/21/2017)
- 2016 – *Maestro* by Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby – location TBD
- 2017 – *When Buffalo Roamed* by Jerry McKellar – location TBD

Other

- *Hey Mary Lou Blindside II* by Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby and SD Junior Football INC @ Sanford Sports Complex (Res #77-17 adopted 9/08/2017)
- *Trudy Peckham Memorial - Bronze Book* by Darwin Wolf @ Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum (Res #78-17 adopted 9/08/2017)
- *Arc of Dreams* by Dale Lamphere @ Big Sioux River in Downtown Sioux Falls, between 6th and 8th Streets (Res #97-17 adopted 9/19/2017)

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- *Open Wide* by Dr. John Wightman @ Health & Human Services Building at 521 N. Main Avenue – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Res #116-17 adopted 12/05/2017)
- *Invariete Concordia* (2009) - TBD - Working with Artist
- Orpheum Theater Plaza - TBD - Working with Orpheum Theater Board

The Visual Arts Commission meets monthly on the third Tuesday, at 9:00 a.m., in the Carnegie Town Hall located at 235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Sioux Falls, SD. The Commission is pleased to have visitors attend their meetings at any time.

For further information visit the Commissioner's website page link at:

[http://www.siouxfalls.org/Mayor/boards\\_commissions/visual\\_arts\\_commission](http://www.siouxfalls.org/Mayor/boards_commissions/visual_arts_commission)