



MEETING MINUTES
for the
SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 16, 2010
9:00 a.m.

Carnegie Town Hall
235 W 10th Street
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Marie Davis, Lary Etten, Ceca Cooper, and Kris Carmody Reaves

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Hauck – excused; Anita Kealey; Lyle Pudwill - excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Clark, SculptueWalk; Sally Felix, Director of Siouxland Libraries; Joan Reddy, Assistant Director for Operations and City Branches; Russ Sorenson – Planning Office Staff Liaison

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Chairperson Ann Marie Davis deemed the regular agenda approved.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the January 19, 2010, Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to approve January 19, 2010, meeting minutes. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on Proposed Sculpture Placements on City Property - Siouxland Libraries

Guest(s): Sally Felix, Library Director

- a) Downtown Main Library – “*Jack’s Story Time*” by artist Gregory Johnson;
“*Summer Distractions II*” (girl) by artists Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby

Sally Felix, Library Director, and Joan Reddy, Assistant Director for Operations and City Branches, presented the proposed outdoor sculptures and placements for “*Jack’s Story Time*” by artist Gregory Johnson and “*Summer Distractions II*” (girl) by artists Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby.

“*Jack’s Story Time*”

This is a City owned 2007 People's Choice Award sculpture that depicts a young boy reading to various fairytale characters. Sally Felix stated this bronze sculpture would be located at the southwest corner of the library and placed on a 3' tall quartzite pedestal within a landscaped circular plaza area that is accessible. The sculpture will be effectively illuminated in the evening and viewed from inside the library's children and teen reading areas. The sculpture would be placed prior to the library's planned May 7th open house ceremony.

There were no comments received from the public.

“*Summer Distractions I*” (girl)

This is a City owned 2009 People's Choice Award sculpture that depicts a young girl reading with her scooter, doll, and cat. Sally Felix stated this bronze sculpture would also be located at the southwest corner of the library, and placed on a 6 inch tall pedestal within a landscaped area that is accessible. Two locations are considered for this particular sculpture. The western location would be illuminated in the evening; the other location, closest to the building, would not be illuminated. Given the current onsite construction and snow stock pile conditions within this area of the library grounds, it was mentioned the final placement for this sculpture can be better determined later on. It was mentioned that both locations for this sculpture can be viewed from inside the library's children and teen reading areas. The sculpture would be placed prior to the library's planned May 7th open house ceremony.

There were no comments received from the public.

Commissioner Lary Etten commented the proposed sculptures are appropriate for the library grounds and would be wonderful amenities upon completion of construction at the Main Library. Other commissioners also expressed their enthusiastic support for these sculpture placements.

Commissioner Etten made a motion to approve the Main Library sculptures and placements to include “*Jack’s Story Time*” and “*Summer Distractions I*” (girl) as presented. Commissioner Ceca Cooper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Callie Branch Library - "*Summer Distractions I*" (boy) by artists Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby

Sally Felix, Library Director, and Joan Reddy, Assistant Director for Operations and City Branches, presented the proposed outdoor sculpture and placement "*Summer Distractions I*" (boy) by artists Lee Leuning & Sherri Treeby.

"*Summer Distractions I*" (boy)

This is a City owned sculpture from the 2006 SculptureWalk Program that was gifted to the City. The sculpture depicts a young boy reading with his dog and ice cream cone. Sally Felix stated this bronze sculpture would be placed on a quartzite pedestal located on the south side of the Caille Branch Library, along 49th Street, just north of the existing sidewalk area.

Discussion ensued among the Commissioners about placing the sculpture on the north side of the library so as to be more orientated to pedestrian vs. vehicular traffic, and serve as a building entrance feature. It was noted that vehicular traffic along 49th Street is swift.

Some commissioners expressed that placing the sculpture on the north side of the Library limits public visibility. It was noted the side of the Library would have higher visibility both by pedestrian and vehicular traffic along 49th Street. It was mentioned the eastern sculpture location can be viewed best from inside the library and also would be illuminated in the evening.

There were no comments received from the public.

Commissioners expressed their enthusiastic support for this sculpture placement on the south side of the library.

Commissioner Ceca Cooper made a motion to approve the Caille Branch Library sculpture and placement to include "*Summer Distractions I*" (boy) as presented. Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sally Felix and Joan Reddy left the meeting.

ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on 2010 SculptureWalk Sioux Falls Program

Mr. Jim Clark presented an informative and visual presentation on 2010 SculptureWalk Sioux Falls Program. A hard copy of the presentation is available.

The SculptureWalk program, in its seventh year, has grown from 34 sculptures in 2004, to 45 sculptures in 2005, 54 sculptures in 2006, 56 sculptures in 2007, 56 sculptures in 2008, 50 sculptures in 2009, and 51 sculptures in 2010.

Mr. Clark emphasized numerous SculptureWalk program benefits to the Commission. Such benefits include: several award categories; mileage reimbursement to the artists; 2-night stay at the Holiday Inn City Centre; artist's reception; insurance coverage for liability and on the sculptures; sculpture sales promotion; artist advisory committee to advise about program shortcomings and to improve the program; development of a SculptureWalk website; great visibility for the artists as their artwork is viewed by approximately 300,000 citizens and guests.

Mr. Clark's PowerPoint presentation detailed the 2010 SculptureWalk program. Mr. Clark provided an exciting visual summary of the planned 51 sculptures, some free

standing and the remainder on concrete pads or quartzite pedestals for Downtown Sioux Falls. Due to this year's Eighth Street reconstruction project, there will be no sculptures placed within that streetscape area this year.

Mr. Clark concluded his presentation indicating this is the fourth year that SculptureWalk has gone international, as six sculptures are from the countries of Canada (4), China (1), and United Kingdom (1). He also noted the sculptures are a good mix of realism, abstract, size and materials. Mr. Clark emphasized that public safety is a high priority in selecting and siting sculptures for the SculptureWalk program. The city purchases the quartzite pedestals, concrete pads and People's Choice Award winning sculpture.

Mr. Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, commented the 2010 SculptureWalk program is being reviewed and recommended by various city entities representing, ADA Accessibility Advisory Board, Engineering, Planning, and Risk Management. Depending upon the Visual Arts Commission's final action taken on this item, the City Council is scheduled to consider adopting a resolution for the 2010 SculptureWalk program in March. Sculpture placements are scheduled for May 1, 2010.

Members of the Visual Arts Commission enthusiastically affirmed the hard work and team effort by Mr. Clark, the SculptureWalk Committee, associated volunteers and businesses active in the 2010 SculptureWalk program.

There were no public comments expressed.

Commissioner Lary Etten made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed sculptures and their locations for the 2010 SculptureWalk program, as presented.

Commissioner Kris Carmody Reaves seconded the motion.

The motion to recommend approval of the proposed sculptures and their locations for the 2010 SculptureWalk program, as presented, passed unanimously.

Mr. Clark left the meeting.

ITEM 7. DISCUSSION & ACTION on Ideas for Harmondon Park Project

Parks & Rec Representative & VAC Subcommittee (Hauck, Cooper, Kealey)

Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, commented that Parks & Recreation Park Development Specialist, Tory Miedema, has requested a deferral on this agenda item until the Commission's April 2010 meeting so as to obtain input from the Sioux Empire Baseball Association and the City Softball Association. From that standpoint, then project ideas, budget, and timeline can be discussed further.

Commissioners expressed their eagerness to work on this project and indicated they would defer this item until their April 20, 2010 meeting. Staff Liaison, Russ Sorenson, acknowledged the Commissioners action to defer this item and will provide communication back to the Parks and Recreation staff.

ITEM 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION on Artistic Bicycle Rack Promotion Guide

Russ Sorenson presented the commission with DRAFT copies of the proposed promotion guide in two colored paper samples for the Commissioners review. He indicated the DRAFT copy addresses the Commissioners suggestions from last month's meeting.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the revised work done and were in agreement with the brochure layout and expressed the gray textured paper was preferred.

The Commissioners indicated they would like to discuss and develop a marketing strategy to address how a business entity can acquire and purchase a bicycle rack, and the guidelines for placement on private or public property. Other suggestions include: meeting with Downtown Sioux Falls and Chamber Board first and possibly approaching some businesses to become project sponsors.

ITEM 9. PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS

a) 8th Street Improvement Project

Russ Sorenson indicated the second public meeting was held and that he and Commissioner Anita Kealy attended the meeting. Conceptual design plans were presented. Phase I will occur from Main Avenue to the east side of the river. Third public meeting is scheduled for April 2010. The project website is:
http://www.siouxfalls.org/PublicWorks/special_projects/8th_street/ .

b) Website Updates – Completed

ITEM 10. PUBLIC INPUT

No public input was received.

ITEM 11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 16, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall

ITEM 12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

HANDOUTS – December 15, 2009 Meeting

- o February 16, 2010 Meeting Agenda
- o January 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes
- o Handouts for Item 4
- o Handouts for Item 5
- o Handouts for Item 6
- o Handouts for Item 8