



**MEETING MINUTES**  
for the  
**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2013**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Carnegie Town Hall**  
235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls SD 57104

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nan Baker; Ann Marie Davis; Clara Jacob; Larry Ling;  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ceca Cooper (excused); Larry Crane (excused);  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Darwin Wolf (Sculptor); Sue Quanbeck Etten (Director of Central Services), Steve Brummond (Newly Appointed Commissioner); Russ Sorenson (VAC Staff Liaison, Planning Office)

**ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION**

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

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Commission 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. Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Clara Jacob seconded the motion. The motion to approve the July 16, 2013 regular meeting agenda passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the June 18, Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Ann Marie Davis requested a motion to approve both the June 18, 2013 meeting minutes. Commissioner Larry Ling made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the June 18, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Clara Jacob seconded the motion. The motion to approve the June 18, 2013, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES- (*Sioux Falls Arts Council*)**

- a) Whittier Neighborhood / Meldrum Park Mural Project  
Commissioner, Nan Baker, updated the Commission that wall preparation has taken place and mural painting by professional muralists Dave Lowenstein and Ashley Laird, muralist apprentice Nate Buchholz, along with Whittier Neighborhood residents and school students all began painting the mural the weekend of July 6 and 7, 2013. Approximately 125 individuals from the neighborhood and community have been involved with the mural painting. The paint being used to this project is a special paint that is to last approximately 15 years. The Sioux Falls Arts Council is in the process of raising

additional funds for mural lighting. The preference is to have lighting from the top down rather than ground mounted lighting.

On Wednesday, July 31st at 6:00pm, the public is invited to help celebrate Meldrum Park's incredible new 150 foot long mural. Mayor Mike Huether and other distinguished guests will speak. The mural is located in Meldrum Park at the corner of 6th Street & Lewis Avenue in Sioux Falls, SD.

The Whittier Neighborhood Design Team describes the mural as:

"Our mural welcomes people to Whittier, a working-class neighborhood that embraces its heritage, celebrates its dynamic cultural and ethnic diversity, and looks forward to addressing and overcoming challenges to a prosperous and peaceful future. Our mural recognizes this as the past and present home to Native Americans from many tribes, as well as the place where settlers have come from across the globe. Our mural sings with a chorus of many languages and radiates with the colors of many cultures. And, our mural shows the neighborhood working together to care for its natural beauty, the education of its young people, and the welfare of its most vulnerable residents. Our mural is beautiful, engaging, and is the product of many dedicated hands and minds."



The existing wall in Meldrum Park



Proposed Mural Design

- b) Development of Community Arts and Cultural Plan  
Commissioner, Nan Baker, explained the Sioux Falls Arts Council has hired consultant Craig Dressen, to assist with development of a Cultural Arts Plan for the City of Sioux Falls. Mr. Dressen was the consultant for the 1999 Cultural Plan. Beginning this fall, the 1999 Cultural Plan will be reviewed initially, and then development of a new plan will be developed. A local steering committee will be established to help guide the Cultural Plan process. Russ Sorenson mentioned that representation from the 2013 Visual Arts Commission will be welcomed on the steering committee. He noted that Ceca Cooper and former Commission members, Lary Etten and Doug Moss, expressed previous interest in serving on the steering committee.

The Sioux Falls Arts Council, Cultural Plan Steering Committee, Sioux Falls Development Foundation, and the City of Sioux Falls will work together in the cultural planning process. It is anticipated the new cultural plan will be completed by the end of the first quarter in 2014.

- c) Other?  
There were no other Sioux Falls Art Council items discussed.

**ITEM 6. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES & ACTIONS**

- a) City-owned Sculptures & 2013 Maintenance Program Update – Sue Quanbeck Etten, Director of Central Services Sue Quanbeck Etten, Director of Central Services, explained the city’s consultant, Rosa Lowinger & Associates, Los Angeles, California, completed their visual art inspections for the city’s artworks inventory consisting of 38 artworks and performed maintenance on 18 pieces that were the most visible and most accessible during the last three weeks in June. It was noted the firm has over 30 years of professional experience in the care of outdoor sculpture and works of art from around the world. The City entered into a three-year contract with Rosa Lowinger & Associates, with annual renewal available for up to an additional two years. The City has an annual budget of \$25,000 for the maintenance program. One local conservation technician, Darwin Wolf, sculptor, was hired to assist with the project. The consultants would be in Sioux Falls for approximately three (3) weeks per year.

Sue Quanbeck Etten mentioned that although she has not yet received a full report from the consultant, they verbally expressed concerns about two sculpture pieces. The two sculptures include: *Invariete Concordia*, located along North Phillips Avenue, just before the railroad trestle, and the *Soccer Ball*, located at *Yankton Trail Park*. Upon examination, regarding the metal *Invariete Concordia*, the consultant discovered the beginning signs of rust. The concrete *Soccer Ball* has developed a crack. The consultant conducted further preventative maintenance on the *Soccer Ball*.

Sue Quanbeck Etten provided copies of a June 19, 2013 City News Release and a June 24, 2013 newspaper article about the maintenance program and stated that upon her receipt of the consultant’s written report, she will also provide that information to the Commissioners.

The city’s website link to view the interactive map depicting city owned public art is:  
<http://www.siouxfalls.org/central-services/city-owned-art.aspx>

- b) R. F. Pettigrew Sculpture Update – Darwin Wolf, Sculptor  
Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, thanked the Commissioners for their tremendous project support and then briefed the Commission about the May 17, 2013 installation and dedication of R. F. Pettigrew bronze sculpture. Mr. Wolf explained that R. F. Pettigrew project engaged the community and involved an education process to the public and young students, in particular, and that the sculpture installation and dedication was very successful. Mr. Wolf mentioned that a fundraising effort of approximately \$9,000 remains to be completed for the story plaque(s) and that local scouts would be installing quartzite stones around the sculpture area in mid-August 2013.
- c) People’s Choice Awards Placements - To be Determined  
2010- *Flower Dancing in the Wind*; 2011- *Hey Mary Lou, Blindside*; 2012- *Daughters of Peace*;  
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, informed the commission that in 2013, until permanent placements are determined, that *Flower Dancing in the Wind* sculpture and *Hey Mary Lou, Blindside*, sculptures will continue to be temporarily placed in front of the Great Outdoor Store, and at the west end of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct, respectively. *Daughters of Peace* sculpture will be temporarily stored until a permanent placement is determined.

- d) BikeSmart Program - Update  
[www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart](http://www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart)

Brochure Link – [http://www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/bikesmart/bikesmart\\_catalog\\_r.pdf?item=m](http://www.siouxfalls.org/~media/Documents/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/bikesmart/bikesmart_catalog_r.pdf?item=m)

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, explained the BikeSmart Program to the commission. Although four bike racks have been sighted in the downtown area, more proactive marketing to the public and for site sponsorships is needed.

Russ Sorenson also mentioned that in working with the city's Live Well Sioux Falls committee, that a grant request to Wellmark has recently been submitted to assist with marketing and sponsorship development for this program. If approved by Wellmark funding would not be available until 2014. Russ indicated that he would continue to keep the Commissioners informed.

Commissioner Ann Marie Davis commented that she would like to see the Commission conduct a new "call for BikeSmart art" this winter. She asked if any of the commissioners would like to serve on a "call for art" subcommittee. Commissioners Larry Ling and Nan Baker expressed their interest in serving on a subcommittee. It was recommended that Ceca Cooper also be recruited to serve on the subcommittee.

- e) Website Updates – Completed  
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, informed the commissioners their monthly website updates were completed.

**ITEM 7. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business presented or discussed.

**ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT**

There were no other public comments received.

**ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETINGS –**

- **NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, August 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, SFSD**

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

HANDOUTS – July 16, 2013 Meeting

- o July 16, 2013 Agenda
- o June 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

For further information about the Sioux Falls Visual Arts Commission visit their Website Page  
<http://www.siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission.aspx>