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**MEETING MINUTES**

for the

**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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:** Vandhana Baireddy; Nan Baker; Steve Brummond; Larry Ling; and Ivy Oland  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Larry Crane - Excused; Clara Jacob - Excused;  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Sideras (Fire Chief – SFFR); Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet (SF Firefighters Benevolent Foundation); Darwin Wolf (Sculptor); Mary Michaels (Health Dept., Live Well Sioux Falls); and Russ Sorenson (VAC Staff Liaison, Planning Office)

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

Commission Chairperson, Larry Ling, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairperson, Larry Ling, welcomed the Commissioners and guests. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA**

Chairperson, Larry Ling, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners express no changes to the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the regular agenda. Commissioner Nan Baker seconded the motion. The motion to approve the December 16, 2014 regular meeting agenda passed unanimously.

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the November 18, 2104 Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson, Larry Ling, requested a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 meeting minutes. Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. The motion to approve the November 18, 2014 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**ITEM 5. Review & Action on a Proposed Sculpture Placement**

a) 2015 "Timeless Vigilance", @ Sioux Falls Fire Rescue (SFFR) Headquarters 2820 S. Minnesota Avenue

As a follow up from the November 2014 meeting, guests Jim Sideras (Fire Chief – SFFR), Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet (SF Firefighters Benevolent Foundation), and Darwin Wolf (Sculptor), explained the proposed sculpture design and revised placement concept. Garrett Dulaney and Ellie Highstreet, representing the Sioux Falls Firefighters Benevolent Foundation, mentioned the private foundation has commissioned Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, to sculpt a life size bronze of two vintage 1910 firefighters (one rookie and one veteran) which pays tribute to Sioux Falls firefighters service – past - present and future. The proposed sculpture will measure approximately 6'5" in height, 5'3" in width, 7'2" in length and weigh 500 lbs. The sculpture would be placed on a concrete base, accent up lighting, and placed within the landscaped sculpture plaza. A small marker identifying the sculpture and explaining its significance would also be placed on the grounds.

The Applicants stated they appreciated the Commissioners recommendations at their last meeting regarding sculpture orientation, landscaping and lighting. They met again with a local landscape architectural firm on the proposed design for the landscape sculpture plaza area to be located on the south side of the existing SFFR Headquarters.

At last month's meeting, Chief Sideras commented the sculpture plaza area will include approximately 600 names of Sioux Falls firefighters that will be recognized and honored for their dedicative service to Sioux Falls. Sculpture plaza landscaping would consist of ornamental grasses and other low-maintenance perennials. Anticipated project costs total \$250,000.

Chief Sideras explained although project completion date is dependent on fundraising, they would like to unveil the finished sculpture within the plaza area during the month of June 2015 – a time that commemorates the 135<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Anniversary. Fire chiefs from across the nation will be present in Sioux Falls for this anniversary event.

Relative to future sculpture maintenance, Darwin Wolf, Sculptor, stated it would be minimal as the finished sculpture would be sprayed with a lacquer finish that would last 25-40 years. Mr. Wolf recommended that annual maintenance include an annual wash and wax that would take approximately two (2) hours to complete and cost would range from \$100 – 200 per year. Chief Sideras mentioned that sculpture maintenance would be included in the city's maintenance program and that SF Fire Rescue staff would assist with maintenance of the landscaped grounds for the plaza area.

Commission discussion ensued about the proposed vintage sculpture design and recommended the sculpture orientation be in a southeast direction within the plaza area to maximize the sculpture's side view to the general public. Commissioners offered other suggestions regarding proposed up lighting, adequate plaza materials to allow accessibility for all, and incorporating low maintenance landscape plant materials that would enhance the sculpture and its placement.

There were no other public comments received.

Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to approve the proposed "Timeless Vigilance" sculpture design as presented, which depicts the sculpture orientation facing in a southeast general direction and providing landscaping, bench seating, and lighting, around the sculpture plaza area. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ITEM 6. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - (*Sioux Falls Arts Council*)**

a) Cultural Plan

Nan Baker explained that a 15 member steering committee has been formed to help guide cultural plan implementation. Two subcommittees of the steering committee have been established – 1) Funding; and 2) Marketing/Branding - private/public partnership development and available community opportunities. Nan presented document copies of the Sioux Falls Arts Council's 2015 budget, proposed work program, and the marketing subcommittee's meeting minutes.

Nan Baker mentioned the Sioux Falls Arts Council recently named board member Ann McKay Thompson as transition executive director effective Jan. 1, 2015. Ann McKay Thompson will serve in a full-time capacity as she works directly with the organization's implementation of the Sioux Falls cultural plan and leads the search for a permanent full-time executive director.

Commissioners graciously expressed their sincere appreciation for Nan's leadership role with the Sioux Falls Arts Council. The Commissioners thanked Nan for her hard work efforts in bringing the arts alive in Sioux Falls and coordinating the development process for the recently completed Cultural Plan.

The Visual Arts Commission will be extending an invitation to Ann McKay Thompson to attend future Visual Arts Commission meetings and also encourage the Arts Council's Board of Directors to select a board member to become a member of the Visual Arts Commission, per city ordinance.

- b) Other?  
There were no other updates provided.

#### ITEM 7. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

- a) Bike Smart  
[www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart](http://www.siouxfalls.org/bikesmart)  
Brochure Link - <http://www.siouxfalls.org/mayor/boards-commissions/visual-arts-commission/public-art/public-art-projects/2010/bikesmart.aspx>

Update from Mary Michaels, Live Well Sioux Falls:

Mary Michaels, Live Well Sioux Falls, explained that Live Well Sioux Falls is a community-based initiative designed to help improve the health and well-being of Sioux Falls residents by collaborating on projects and work force development to address health needs. <http://livewellsiouxfalls.org/site/> Mary Michaels commented that due to a Wellmark Grant received, and partnering along with the BikeSmart Program, that nine (9) community businesses have received bike rack matching grants in 2014. Commissioners expressed their sincere appreciation to Mary Michaels for her marketing efforts to place bike racks out into the community.

Mary Michaels explained that the Wellmark Grant Program has some available funding to possibly expand the BikeSmart Program, along with the Live Well brand within our community. Mary Michaels distributed a project summary to the Commission (attached) and indicated that she would verify what the grant timeframe is to spend the remaining funds.

Commission discussion ensued about the remaining Wellmark funding. The three year old BikeSmart Program has utilized local artists to design the bike racks, but that local fabricators have recently increased the cost to construct the bike rack due to increase cost associated with materials. Mary Michaels presented an idea that included three conceptual bike rack designs that could be mass produced from outside vendors. Some commissioners expressed the conceptual bike rack designs presented lacked artistic design and that more thoughtfulness into the design is necessary. The Commissioners agreed the bike rack designs need to contribute to the cityscape, and at the same time, promote Live Well initiatives. Other commissioners commented that a new call for art be considered to increase the number of bicycle rack designs. Another commissioner mentioned that perhaps the VAC determine a few select designs, and then conduct a call for fabricators to mass produce the bike racks. Another commissioner voiced the current BikeSmart Program includes eleven (11) bicycle rack designs. Depending upon the grant timeframe to spend the remaining funds, and that given recent inquiries received about expanding the number of artistic bike rack designs for the Bike Smart Program, along with expanding the Live Well brand, that perhaps Visual Arts Commission (VAC) may want to consider establishing a subcommittee to explore and work on: doing a new call for art for bike rack designs and/or a call to fabricators; and establish a timeline; to have the bike racks installed in the Spring 2015.

- Mary Michaels to verify the Wellmark grant terms for spending the remaining funding;
- VAC to establish a subcommittee to work on a new call for art that addresses:
  - ✓ price and mass production of bike racks
  - ✓ artistic and utilitarian elements of design
  - ✓ BikeSmart and Live Well branding
- VAC to conduct a call to fabricators;

There were no other public comments received.

Commissioner Nan Baker made a motion to take the following actions:

- Mary Michaels to verify the Wellmark grant terms for spending the remaining funding and inform the VAC staff liaison and Commissioners;
- VAC to establish a BikeSmart/Live Well subcommittee to work on a new call for art that addresses:
  - ✓ price and mass production of bike racks
  - ✓ artistic and utilitarian elements of design
  - ✓ BikeSmart and Live Well branding

*Commissioners - Ivy Oland; Vandhana Baireddy; Steve Brummond; and Nan Baker volunteered to serve on a BikeSmart/Live Well subcommittee. It was mentioned that the city's transportation planner also be consulted and invited to provide input on the technical aspects for any new bike racks.*

- VAC to conduct a call to fabricators;

Commissioner Steve Brummond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b) Sculpture/Artwork Placement Subcommittee -  
People's Choice Awards Placements to be determined - 2012- Daughters of Peace; 2013 – Farmer; and  
2014 - World's Her Canvas

Commissioner Steve Brummond commented that since the last VAC meeting the volunteer subcommittee (Commissioners Brummond, Ling, and Oland) met to review and discuss potential public space locations for the remaining People's Choice Award sculpture placements.

Potential locations discussed include:

2012 - *Daughters of Peace* – Indoors within a city-owned building;  
2013 – *Farmer* – Farmers Market Area at Falls Park  
2014 - *World's Her Canvas* – *Washington Pavilion, along Main Avenue*

Commissioner Brummond mentioned that Russ has sent the VAC subcommittee a list of city-owned building sites for future sculpture/art placement and that the subcommittee would meet again in January 2015 to discuss other potential locations.

Website link for map of existing city-owned building facilities -

<http://cityofsfqgis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=1457cbf534cf46f0b4ee340edcfe4a19&webmap=28ebd99cb9134910939e665387aafc34>

No further action taken on this item.

- c) REVIEW & ACTION on 2014 Annual Report  
Russ Sorenson presented the Commission with the 2014 Annual Report for consideration. A commissioner pointed out that under the "Membership Representation" chart, page 1, that Commissioner Clara Jacob needs to be added in place of Larry Etten. Another commissioner commented to highlight the Sioux Falls Arts Council member in the Chart. Russ acknowledged the proposed revisions to be done.

Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the 2014 Annual Report, with the revisions noted. Commissioner Vandhana Baireddy seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Visual Arts Commission 2014 Annual Report, with revisions noted, passed unanimously. (Revised 2014 Annual Report attached).

- d) Website Updates – Completed

#### ITEM 8. PUBLIC INPUT

No further input from the public was received.

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**ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 9:00 a.m., Carnegie Town Hall located at 235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, in Sioux Falls, SD.**

**ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Commission meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

*Items added after the agenda deadline: The Visual Arts Commission may include such other business as may come before this body.*

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HANDOUTS – November 18, 2014 Meeting

- o November 18, 2014 Agenda
- o October 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes
- o Item 5 – Proposed Sculpture Placement – “Timeless Vigilance”
- o Item 7c - 2014 Annual Report

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>