

MEETING MINUTES
SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
August 16, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Note Location: Carnegie Town Hall 235 W 10th Street Sioux Falls SD

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Aleta Branson; Larry Crane; Zach DeBoer; Larry Ling (Chair); Ivy Oland; Sandra Pay;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Brummond;

OTHERS PRESENT: Chad Huwe, City Engineer, Public Works; Mike Patten, City Park Development Specialist, Parks & Recreation; Russ Sorenson - VAC Staff Liaison (City Planning Office)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER & QUORUM DETERMINATION

Commission Chairperson, Larry Ling, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Larry Ling, welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – August 16, meeting

Chairperson, Larry Ling, asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioners expressed no changes to the regular meeting agenda. Commissioner Sandra Pay made a motion to approve the regular agenda as presented. Commissioner Ivy Oland seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the regular agenda passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the July 19, 2016, Meeting Minutes

Chairperson, Larry Ling, requested a motion to approve the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Ivy Oland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Sandra Pay seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

ITEM 5. City Capital Improvement Projects Presentations

Presentations About Potential City Capital Improvement Projects to Incorporate Artistic Design Elements and/or Visual Art

a) Public Works – Chad Huwe, City Engineer

Chad Huwe, City Engineer, elaborated on potential city capital improvement projects that may possibly lend themselves to consider incorporation of artistic design elements and/or visual art. Projects identified include:

Master Utility and Street Scape Plan for Downtown. City is working with Confluence (consultant) on design.

- Main Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements
 - from 8th Street to 11th Street – Phase I - 2016;
 - from 6th Street to 8th Street - Phase II – 2017 (in Preliminary Design Phase now)
 - from 12th Street to 14th Street – Phase III (Washington Square)

- Phillips Avenue Utility and Streetscape Improvements
 - 9th Street to 8th Street - Preliminary Design Phase now for construction next year
 - 8th Street to 6th Street

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- 8th Street Bridge Project in 2018-2020
Bridge is over 100 years old. City is evaluating whether to replace or rehabilitate the bridge; what the bridge will look like or keep the same look.

This bridge project is a good one for the VAC to get involved with.
- Southwest Drainage Project - from 49th Street and Marian Road to 41st Street
Involves underground storage and improvements.
- 26th Street & Southeastern Avenue Intersection Redevelopment in 2019
This project will affect southeast side traffic in a big way. Entrance to Rotary Park will be moved and rebuilt to the west side of the Big Sioux River. Street intersection elevation will be increased approximately 25 feet in height. Doing the preliminary design not for the bridge over the railroad and river. Visual art elements in the walls may be a consideration – similar to 69th Street bridge.

Commissioner Zach DeBoer asked if diagonal parking is being considered for the Philips Avenue segment from 8th Street to 9th Street. Chad Huwe responded that Engineering staff are evaluating both parallel and angular parking options now.

Commissioner Ivy Oland commented the VAC has good opportunities to provide input regarding aesthetic enhancements on city projects of high visibility and design elements. It should be a VAC priority in looking for ways to incorporate artistic design in city projects. Commissioner Ivy Oland inquired as to the appropriate time to have the VAC get involved in Public Works projects with Engineering staff and/or the project consultant. For example, when and how to providing input for bridge projects that could include artistic designed bridge railings.

Commissioner Larry Crane stated the integration of art for city projects can be viewed as either placement art and considered as “jewelry” or as integral art and considered as “something permanent”. Additionally, what levels of art integration are appropriate and what makes our community unique and different and how our community viewed, ranked, and enjoyed are definite considerations.

Chad Huwe, City Engineer, mentioned that the city’s Complete Streets policy promotes a comprehensive, integrated transportation network with infrastructure and design that allows safe and convenient travel along and across streets for users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists. This approach prioritizes early consideration of pedestrian, bicycle, and transit accommodations in planning for roadway projects. Perhaps the Complete Streets Checklist can be evaluated to include consideration of artistic design integration for city projects.

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison, commented that in April 2016 the Commission was informed on this topic and presented the Complete Streets Annual Report by Sam Trebilcock, Transportation Planner.

Staff Note: For further information about the Complete Streets Annual Report go to:
<http://www.siouxfalls.org/en/planning-building/planning/complete-streets>

Commissioner Ivy Oland expressed that she would like to see an “artistic element” checkbox added to the city’s Complete Streets policy.

Commissioner Sandra Pay voiced that art has many forms and that she is very excited about the Commission having this conversation to promote, enhance and beautify all areas of our wonderful city.

The Commission expressed their sincere appreciation to Chad Huwe for his presentation time and interest to integrate artistic design elements into city Public Works Engineering projects where feasible.

No further input from the public was received and no specific action was taken by the Commission.

- b) Parks & Recreation – Michael Patten, Parks Development Specialist
Mike Patten, Parks Development Specialist, explained potential city capital improvement projects that are associated with Parks & Recreation that may possibly lend themselves to consider incorporation of artistic design elements and/or visual art.

Mike Patten explained the Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Department develops master plans for new parks, major renovations to existing parks, and other high profile projects being considered. Community participation and input is welcome in the master planning process. VAC involvement in the master planning process is the best time to integrate artistic elements into park projects. Master Plan projects can be found on the Parks & Recreation website. Master Plan projects identified include:

- Yankton Trails Park Master Plan - 2017
Yankton Trails Park enhances community events such as Jazzfest, soccer tournaments, running events, walking and cycling.
- Frank Olson Park – 2018
Frank Olson Park amenities currently include an outdoor aquatic pool, tennis courts, softball fields, playground, seasonal ice skating rink /warming house, picnic shelter.
- Terrace Park – 2019
Terrace Park amenities currently include picnic shelters, playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, baseball fields, formal gardens, bandshell/amphitheater, walking trails, fishing access, canoe/kayak access, sculptures, aquatic pool.
- Pioneer Plaza next to DME Building (8th & Philips Ave) – 2016 - 2017
Small community gathering space and pathway to greenway is being redeveloped. Involves private sector and gifted amenities.
- Falls Park West & Levitt Shell – 2016 - 2019
Mike Patten, highlighted this project. The City is working with the Friends of Levitt Pavilion, and the consultant, Sink Combs Dethlefs Architects, to develop a master plan. The project timeline is:
 - Summer 2016 – Design work begins (one meeting has been held)
 - Fall 2016 Preliminary Design Complete
 - Nov. 2016 Chamber Community Appeals Campaign
 - Spring 2017 – Design Development Complete
 - Fall 2017 Construction Documents Complete
 - Winter 2018 – Project Publicly Bid
 - Spring 2018 – Groundbreaking
 - Summer 2019 - First Performance

Currently in the preliminary design phase for the master plan. Phase I development area includes the Park's office to 4th Street – sculpture garden and amphitheater – canopy. The next Friends of Levitt pavilion and consultant meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2016.

Mike Patten expressed a willingness to work with the VAC and subcommittees to look at opportunities to integrate artistic design elements into park projects.

Commissioner Aleta Branson commented that Fall Park has undergone such a wonderful transformation to date and the next development phase is a great opportunity to incorporate artistic elements within the landscaping.

The Commission expressed their sincere appreciation to Mike Patten for his presentation time and interest to integrate artistic design elements into city Parks & Recreation projects where feasible.

No further input from the public was received and no specific action was taken by the Commission.

ITEM 6. REVIEW & ACTION on City-Owned Sculpture Placements and Maintenance

- a) Sculpture/Artwork Placement Subcommittee Update(s) and Recommendation(s) on City-Owned Sculptures
 - 1) *In Variete Concordia Sculpture:*
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, informed the Commissioners that since the last month's Commission meeting, the City Attorneys Office staff have again reached out to the artist and requested a waiver/release of any

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rights of integrity he may have in the piece for potential future repair and placement consistent with any one of the three options for the *In Variete Concordia* sculpture:

- the entire sculpture piece, including all four squares and four cranes;
- the four individual squares with cranes;
- the four individual cranes only; and

A waiver/release statement has not been provided by the artist to date. However, the artist has retained legal representation. A progress update on this matter will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

There were no further comments received, and no further action was taken by the Commission.

- 2) Daughters of Peace – 2012 People’s Choice Award;
- 3) Sunday with Jessie – 2015 People’s Choice Award (6th St. & Phillips Ave);
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, again recommended the Subcommittee meet to review placement locations and time schedules for the *2012 - Daughters of Peace*; and *2015 – Sunday with Jessie*; sculptures. Russ mentioned there are two locations with existing city-owned quartzite pedestals available for sculpture placements. Both locations are located at the northeast and southwest corners of the 6th St. & Phillips Ave. street intersection. Chairperson, Larry Ling, indicated the subcommittee would meet soon to review potential site locations for those sculptures.

No further input from the public was received.

- b) Update on 2016 Maintenance Program for City-owned Sculptures
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, explained that Rosa Lowinger and Associates (RLA), city’s art conservator consultant, completed their visual art inspections, assessments and maintenance practices for the city’s artworks inventory. A treatment report for the recent maintenance work performed has been submitted by the art conservator consultant.

No further input from the public was received.

ITEM 7. SIOUX FALLS ARTS COUNCIL UPDATES - (Sandra Pay, Sioux Falls Arts Council representative)

- a) Cultural Plan Implementation
As an integral part of implementation of the Cultural Plan, Commissioner Sandra Pay explained the Sioux Falls Arts Council is in the third quarter of conducting the economic survey of approximately 60 performing arts and culture organizations within a four county area. The 2016 survey serves as an update to the original economic survey done in 2010.
- b) Other?
 - Commissioner Sandra Pay informed the Commission about the Sioux Falls Arts Council’s efforts to get citizens to visit the Sioux Falls Arts Council’s website. Visit <http://www.artssiouxfalls.org/>
 - The Sioux Falls Arts Council is working on promoting the Northern Plains Indian Art Market in Sioux Falls. The market event is a juried art show with an artist reception. The event is scheduled for September 16 – 18, 2016, at the Ramkota Exhibit Hall in Sioux Falls.

No further input from the public was received.

ITEM 8. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES

- a) Public Art Integration Research Findings and Discussion (Larry Crane)
Commissioner Larry Crane expressed today’s presentations by City Engineering and Parks staffs were very informative. He reported that he has done research on how other cities incorporate art into a community process. He also mentioned that he would like to visit further with Kara Dirkson, Executive Director of the Visual Arts Center at the Washington Pavilion.

Commissioner Ivy Oland suggested the Commission may want to explore the recent progress of City of Fargo North Dakota’s Visual Arts Commission.

Staff Note:

City of Fargo ND Link is -

<https://www.cityoffargo.com/CityInfo/BoardsandCommissions/ArtsandCultureCommission.aspx>

Commissioner Larry Crane requested assistance from the Commission for the establishment of a subcommittee to further explore available information, propose a process and draft a checklist form that can be used as tools for the integration of community artistic elements in city projects.

Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, reminded the Commissioners, about quorum limits and that a subcommittee of no more than three (3) commissioners to serve is best.

Commissioners Aleta Bronson and Zach DeBoer volunteered to serve on the art integration subcommittee with Commissioner Larry Crane. The Subcommittee will subsequently meet and present their findings and recommendations to the Commission as a whole.

No further input from the public was received.

b) Website Updates - Completed

ITEM 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 9:00 am., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10th Street

ITEM 10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Visual Arts Commission meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

HANDOUTS – August 16, 2016 Meeting

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- o July 19, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- o Sculpture Placements
- o Public Art Integration
- o 2016 Work Program