

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SIoux FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION**  
**July 19, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Washington Pavilion – Green Room, 301 S Main Avenue, Sioux Falls SD**

(Staff Liaison: Russ Sorenson: 367-8888)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Brummond; Larry Crane; Zach DeBoer; Larry Ling (Chair); Ivy Oland; Sandra Pay;

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aleta Branson (excused);

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kara Dirkson, Executive Director for Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center; Meagan Dion, Lead Curator for Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center; Russ Sorenson - VAC Staff Liaison (City Planning Office)

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

Commission Vice Chairperson, Ivy Oland, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**ITEM 2. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Vice Chairperson, Ivy Oland, welcomed the Commissioners and guests.

**ITEM 3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR AGENDA – July 19, 2016 meeting**

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

**ITEM 4. REVIEW & ACTION on the June 21, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

Vice Chairperson, Ivy Oland, requested a motion to approve the June 21, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Steve Brummond made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Larry Crane seconded the motion. There were no further comments received. The motion to approve the June 21, 2016 meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Larry Ling, Chairperson, arrived at the meeting and presided for the remainder of the meeting.

**ITEM 5. REVIEW & ACTION on Washington Pavilion Visual Art Center Projects**

Presenter(s): Kara Dirkson, Executive Director, Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center  
Meagan Dion, Lead Curator, Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center

- a) **OVERVIEW on a Proposed Sculpture Concept and Installation**  
Kara Dirkson, Executive Director for the Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center, mentioned the Paladino Holm Sculpture Garden is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date by September 20, 2016, – in time for the Annual Sidewalk Festival Event. Existing artworks within the sculpture garden area include “*Chasing Bison*” by Richard Hunt, a Garden Gate by Bob Natz. Two additional pieces will be leased from Sioux Falls Sculpture Walk. Kara Dirkson explained that in looking at options to populate the outdoor sculpture garden with

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visual artworks, the Pavilion's Visual Arts Center sculpture garden committee considered artists with ties to the upper Midwest, South Dakota, and locally. The sculpture garden committee has engaged Scott Parsons, an international award-winning public artist. Mr. Parsons teaches printmaking and drawing at Augustana University. Meagan Dion, Lead Curator for the Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center, commented that Mr. Parsons has received numerous public art commissions across the United States and Canada. His work includes percent for art and private commissions for churches, museums, research facilities, university buildings and transportation centers. Mr. Parsons was recognized by Art in America for creating one of the most significant works of public art in the United States in 2002. He has received national and international awards for his art, including multiple National Terrazzo and Mosaic Association Honor Awards. Mr. Parson's work is reviewed widely in several major art publications.

Kara Dirkson commented the Visual Arts Center's project goals are for a commissioned high quality public art piece that provides a new image of grand art and makes an impact within the community. The proposed piece would be one that would be exemplary and integrated – making it contextual and tied to the area and Washington Pavilion. Such artwork would be significant for the Visual Arts organization, Downtown Sioux Falls, and the entire community. It would be an amazing artwork piece that other visual art museums would certainly be envious of having.

Kara Dirkson commented that Mr. Parsons is working with the Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center and the sculpture garden committee to establish a design concept for the artwork. The artwork design concept may possibly be presented to the public in November 2016. The design concept would begin with an outdoor feature, and be such that it could perhaps be integrated inside the Washington Pavilion building in a future project phase. A specific fundraising campaign for the project is also being planned and could take perhaps 2-5 years before the artwork project comes to fruition. Execution of the artwork project depends upon supportive sponsorships and successful fundraising.

Russ Sorenson, Staff Liaison for the city's Visual Arts Commission, reminded the Commissioners that city ordinance provides an exclusion pertaining to placement of artworks in or on the grounds of the Washington Pavilion, and at other locations within the city. The Commissioners acknowledged that city ordinance provides for an exclusion pertaining to works of art in or on the grounds of the Washington Pavilion, and they sincerely expressed their sincere appreciation for being informed of the Washington Pavilion's public art project and enthusiastically voiced their support for the project to move forward.

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

- b) UPDATE & TOUR of the Paladino Hohm Sculpture Garden Project – following the VAC meeting. Kara Dirkson provided a site plan layout for the Paladino Hohm Sculpture Garden Project to the Commissioners and described the exciting garden features. The Sculpture Garden is currently under construction with an anticipated completion date by September 20, 1016, – in time for the Annual Sidewalk Festival Event. Kara Dirkson graciously provided a tour for Commissioners after the VAC meeting.

#### **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 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 (6<sup>th</sup> St. & Phillips Ave);  
Russ Sorenson, staff liaison, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 will soon be 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 "First Fridays" event that features exhibit space within the Council's office for artists to display their artworks. Commissioner Pay expressed her appreciation to Commissioners Ivy Oland and Zach DeBoer, and Washington Pavilion Visual Arts Center Executive Director, Kara Dirkson, for their assistance in selecting artists for the next "First Friday" event – August 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Commissioner Pay mentioned that some of the Sioux Falls Arts Council Board members will be meeting with Patrick Baker, Director for the South Dakota Arts Council.
  - Commissioner Pay also announced that Sioux Falls Arts Council now has a full time webmaster on staff.

No further input from the public was received.

**ITEM 8. COMMISSION PROJECT UPDATES**

- a) Public Art Integration Research Findings and Discussion (Larry Crane)  
This item was deferred until the next meeting as Commissioner Larry Crane was not present.

No further input from the public was received.

- b) Website Updates - Completed

**ITEM 9. PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input was received.

**ITEM 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 9:00 am., Carnegie Town Hall, 235 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

**ITEM 11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Visual Arts Commission meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Commissioners then toured the Paladino Hohm Sculpture Garden Project from 10:12 am 10:30 am.

HANDOUTS – July 19, 2016 Meeting

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