

SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMISSION
Tuesday, August 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
City Center, 231 N. Dakota Ave., Conference Room #208

MEETING ASSISTANCE: UPON REQUEST, ACCOMMODATIONS FOR MEETINGS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. PLEASE CONTACT THE HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL, 224 WEST 9TH STREET, SIOUX FALLS, SD AT 367-8745 (VOICE) OR 367-7039 (TDD) 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

Meeting Minutes

ITEM 1. Call to Order and Quorum Determination:

Chairperson James Zajceck called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Member Participants: James Zajceck, Joe Schaffer, Jennifer Hoelsing, Sara Lum and Kellen Boice attended the meeting in person. Jeremy Williams with Facilities and Lisa Meyer with BronzeAge joined the meeting via WebEx.

Wyatt Dickson (excused) and Mike Jamison (unexcused) were absent from the meeting

Other Participants: Jon Jacobsen with Confluence and Mike Patten with Sioux Falls Parks & Recreation Department and Diane deKoeyer from PDS

ITEM 2. Welcome Members and Guests:

ITEM 3. Approval of Regular Agenda:

Commissioner Hoelsing made the motion to approve the regular agenda and Commissioner Schaffer seconded the motion. The agenda was unanimously approved.

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2022 Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Lum made the motion to approve the minutes and Commissioner Schaffer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unaninously.

ITEM 5. Public Input on Non-Agenda Items:

No public input

ITEM 6. Unfinished Business:

a. Conservations Services Proposal

Diane reported that Matt Newman received four submittals for a Conservator. Chair Zajceck, Kevin Smith, Matt Newman and Diane will review submittals.

b. Diane and Mike reported that the Park Board will review the application on Wednesday, August 17, for Jake on Bass to be placed at the Levitt. As a follow-up to the Park Board review, Mike reported that it was approved for placement.

ITEM 7. New Business:

a) Gold Star Monument, Mike Patten, Parks & Rec. and Jon Jacobsen, Confluence

Mike presented the Woody Williams Foundation that is a national non-profit organization who provides assistance to Gold Star Families in establishing Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the U.S. Former Councilor Rex Roling and his family are a Gold Star Family who proposed and raised \$80,000 for the project and landscaping improvements at Veteran's Memorial Park. The back side of the monument tells the story of a family's loved one that paid the ultimate sacrifice for our Freedom. The front side bears the words: Gold Star Families Memorial Monument, a tribute to Gold Star Families and Relatives who sacrificed a Loved One for our Freedom.

The black granite monument will be placed in September or October and Parks is responsible for maintaining it.

b) Falls Park Masterplan Update, Mike Patten, Parks & Rec and Jon Jacobsen, Confluence

Jon reviewed the 20+ year vision for the Falls Park Masterplan and how the arts can be integrated into the project. Jon provided a QR code for the VAC's survey engagement. Discussion addressed the following:

- a. What about Falls Park is important to you?
- b. What are some things that need improvement in Falls Park?
- c. How do you see utilizing Falls Park and surrounding facilities for future arts programming, events, etc?
- d. Do you have any ideas for incorporating art and local culture into Falls Park?

Additional items reviewed for the park masterplan were:

- Pedestrian connections into and throughout the park
- Monumental Sculpture located on entry to the park that symbolizes the city and is complimentary to the park.
- New signage will be integrated at the entrances.
- Jon and Mike suggested that the VAC work with the Sioux Falls Parks Foundation that aligns philanthropic investment in the city park system with community vision for public art integration.
- Chair Zajcek suggested that at the next Working Session that the VAC discuss ideas and proposals for the masterplan including functional art for the park.
- Jon and Mike offered to meet with the VAC at a separate meeting to review ideas.

c) Arts Coordinator Update

Director Eckhoff will present PDS's budget and request for the Arts Coordinator position this afternoon at 3:00. James sent the VAC letter to Director Eckhoff and Jim David for Council review. Commissioner Boice reported that she and Commissioner Jamison will meet with Councilor Soehl on Wednesday.

d) Sioux Falls Arts Council Update, Kellen Boice

Commissioner Boice reported that they are in Q3 with microgrants. Of 212 applications they will award 19 applicants between \$250 and \$500.

e) VAC Chair and Vice Chair Nominations

The commission discussed having Commissioner Schaffer serve as Chair for the VAC for the next twelve months and Commissioner Boice serve as Vice-Chair for the next twelve months. Chair Zajcek asked that the official motion and vote take place at the September VAC meeting so that Commissioners Dickson and Jamison who are not in attendance today can review and participate in the nominations.

ITEM 8. Announcements:

a) Up-Coming VAC Meetings

i. Working Session: September 15 – Downtown Library, 5:30-7:00

ii. Regular Meeting: September 20 – Conference Room 208 9:00am

ITEM 9. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.