

**SIOUX FALLS VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 3:15 pm

Conference Room #208

City Center, 231 N. Dakota Ave., Sioux Falls, SD

**November Meeting Minutes****ITEM 1.** Call to Order and Quorum Determination Joe

Committee member Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Member Participants: Kathy Dang, Alix Andal, Tyson Schultz, Wyatt Dickson, Mike Jamison and Joe Schaeffer.

Staff: Maren Engel

**ITEM 2.** Welcome Members and Guests Joe

Committee members reintroduced themselves for the new members present at the meeting.

**ITEM 3.** Approval of Regular Agenda Joe

Committee member Dickson made the motion to approve the regular agenda and committee member Jamison seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 4.** Approval of September 17, 2024 Minutes Joe

Committee member Dickson made the motion to approve the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes and Committee member Andal seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**ITEM 5.** Public Input on Non-Agenda Items (*Chairperson*) Joe  
(*5-minute comment period per individual*)

None

**ITEM 6.** New Business  
a. Public Art Wall Project Update Maren

Maren reported that the proposed public art wall project at Barb Iverson Skate Park, which was set to be installed in the Spring of 2025, is paused indefinitely due to the city's legal team deeming the project "high-risk". Maren is now pursuing conversations with private property owners who may be interested in

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supporting the project without direct city involvement and off of public property. The point was made that instating public policy should be a high priority to avoid legal pitfalls for future projects. Committee member Dickson mentioned the possibility of using train cars in the railway district.

b. Fire Station Mural Project

Maren shared details regarding a mural project being pursued at Fire Station 1 downtown. The fire chief and his staff have expressed their desire for a mural inside the fire station garage on the east wall. Maren is working to secure funding for the project and determine the art selection process. Members of the VAC proposed a visit the site to assess the estimated cost of the project.

c. Public Art Policy

Committee members discussed the need to create a public art policy to help streamline and create a fair process for art in public spaces. The policy will also create guidelines for gifted art, acquiring art and deaccessioning art. Maren shared that Brookings, SD has a strong public art policy that we can use to base our own policy off of. Maren shared that that policy is being assessed by the city's legal team, as well as a few other city policies, so we can begin the process of drafting our own. Once legal provides their notes, the VAC will determine a day for a working session to discuss and draft the policy.

d. Bloomberg Asphalt Art Grant

Maren shared details about a grant opportunity through Bloomberg. The project is more significant than it has been in the past (\$100,000) and we'd need to find an appropriate project for the scale. Maren has had conversations with DTSF and local developers to get a sense of project opportunities for the grant.

- e. RLA/BronzeAge Maintenance Update  
- Obtuse and Youth Mosaic Review

Maren

Discussion was tabled until the next VAC meeting due to time constraints.

**ITEM 7. Arts Coordinator Updates**

- a. Oklahoma Site Visit Insights

Maren

Maren reported on recent site visits to Tulsa and Oklahoma City. She met with Arts Alliance Tulsa, the Tulsa Arts Commission, the Tulsa Performing Arts Center, the Oklahoma Arts Council and the OKC Arts Commission.

**ITEM 8. Announcements**

- a. Next Regular Meeting: 3:15pm, December 17th, Tomar Room 204 at City Center

**ITEM 7. Adjournment**

Joe