

Meeting Notice

Visual Arts Commission

Thursday, June 13, 2013

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Cedar Rapids City Hall – Council Chambers Conference Room (3rd Floor)
101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401

Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2013
2. Introduction of New Member
3. Ethics Presentation
4. Street Mural Project (Ignite Idea)
5. Central Fire Department Sculpture
6. Project Updates
 - a. Convention Center Phase I
 - b. Convention Center Phase II
 - c. Amphitheatre
 - d. Paramount
 - e. Globe and GTC Repairs
7. Future Calls for Art – Discussion and Recommendations
8. Art not on display
9. Announcements / Items for Next Meeting
10. Adjournment

Next Meeting: August 8, 2013

Meeting Minutes

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Attendance

<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Not Present</i>
Jim Kern, Chairman	X	
Mel Andringa	X	
Arbe Bareis	X	
Marilee Fowler	X	
Ann Knierim	X	
Andi Londquist	X	
Ashley Lowe	X	
Suzy McGrane-Hop	X	
Grant Stevens	X	

Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:10PM by Vice Chairman Stevens

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2013 and May 9, 2013

Motion was made by Knierim, seconded by Kern, with unanimous approval to adopt the minutes of the April and May Meetings

2. Street Mural Project (Ignite Idea)

Motion was made by Knierim, seconded by McGrane-Hop, to approve the design and

3. Central Fire Department Sculpture

Staff reported that the Fire Department Foundation was interested in purchasing and placing a piece of public art to be located in front of the new

4. Project Updates

a. Convention Center Phase I

The artwork has been installed and the artist was on hand for the Grand Opening of the Convention Center May 31. This project is finished.

b. Convention Center Phase II

All art has been delivered. A discussion was had about possibly relocating two of the pieces to be more visible. In a month or so staff will contact the Hilton management to discuss the costs associated with the move.

c. Amphitheatre

The artists are proceeding with work on the sculpture and installation is targeted for the third week in August (19-23)

d. Paramount

The final pieces of artwork are scheduled to be delivered on June 19. The delivery was scheduled for June 12 but was rescheduled due to concerns over the weather forecast.

e. Globe

Todd Sabin is under contract and will begin work on the Globe shortly. Delivery to Kirkwood is anticipated in early August.

5. Future Calls for Art – Discussion and Recommendations

A discussion was held on potential future calls for art and lessons learned from the completed Convention Center and in progress Amphitheatre Art projects.

Staff recommendations were to provide better clarity on expectations for art and to potentially assign a VAC liaison to make determinations on the art itself. Staff typically works with the artist on procedural issues, but relies on the VAC for decisions affecting the design or placement of the art, and getting consensus from a subcommittee can be time consuming.

The VAC discussed and recommended that the VAC build a final review into artist contracts before work begins on the pieces. The discussion was that the VAC would then be able to see a sketch of the art before completion and then be able to make determinations about final location and size.

6. Art not on display

A brief discussion on art not currently on display was held. This summer the VAC will look at the inventory of unplaced pieces and work with City Staff to identify locations.

7. Announcements / Items for Next Meeting

Commissioner's Suzy McGrane-Hop and Ashley Lowe were recognized for their service to the commission and thanked for their work over the past three years. Both Commissioner's terms will expire on June 30.

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Knierim, to adjourn at 5:21 PM

Next Meeting: July 11, 2013

**Visual Arts Commission
July 11, 2013 Meeting
Agenda Item 2 – Introduction of New Member**

Item Description: Welcome to newly appointed VAC Member Lynn Ocken

VAC Action: None

Lynn Ocken was appointed to a three year term beginning July 1, 2013.

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Agenda Item 3 – Board of Ethics Presentation**

Item Description: Presentation by the Board of Ethics

VAC Action: None

A representative from the Board of Ethics will be on hand to give a presentation to the Commission on recent policy updates.

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Agenda Item 4 – Street Mural Project**

Item Description: Reminder of the Street Mural Project on July 20th.

VAC Action: None, informational item

At the 2013 Ignite Event, Dan Thies of OPN Architects suggested that the downtown can be improved by painting artwork on sidewalks and in the street.

Inspired by this idea, a group organized by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau is proposing to paint a mural on the intersection of 2nd Avenue and 3rd Street SE.

The project is being funded by the City of Cedar Rapids, the Cedar Rapids Area CVB, Theatre CR, and other local businesses.

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Agenda Item 5 – Central Fire Department Sculpture**

Item Description: Update on Central Fire Department Sculpture Project

VAC Action: None, informational item

On June 12, staff was contacted by members of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department to discuss a potential sculpture project in front of the new Central Fire Station. The project is being funded by private fundraising through a Firefighter's organization.

The VAC was informed of this project at its June meeting. Jim Kern and Mel Andringa were appointed to represent the Commission and offer any assistance and guidance.

Staff met with members of the Fire Department (representing the Firefighters Foundation) and John Beckelman (Coe College Art Dept Chair), Janelle McClain, and Kate Hawkins on July 2 to discuss the project.

- Conduct an RFQ and select finalists to develop proposals
- An October timeline to have a final design was too ambitious, but the ribbon cutting would be an opportunity to promote the project
- Ensure budget room to cover proposals and possible site work
- A VAC representative would be included on the selection committee.

A follow up meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

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Agenda Item 6 – Project Updates

Item Description: Update on Current VAC Projects

VAC Action: Informational Item

Overview:

Staff has the following updates to report on active projects:

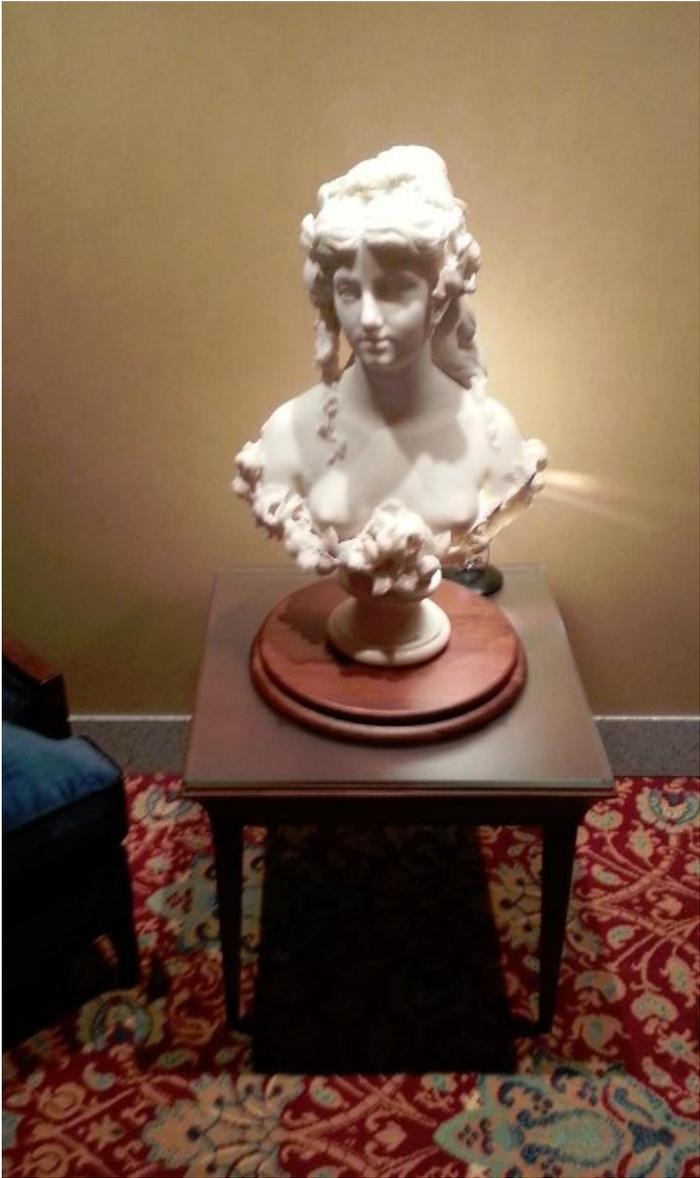
Convention Center Art: The VAC and staff will work with Hilton on potential relocation of artwork in the near future.

Paramount Art: All artwork has been returned. The Czech Painting is in storage at the Community Development Office. Pictures of the art are included on the following pages.

The Globe: Todd Sabin of Cedar Rapids has been selected to restore the Globe. Delivery to Kirkwood is anticipated in early August.

Amphitheatre Sculpture: The Latka's have finished the outer forms for the sculpture and have set the rebar cage, an image is included on a subsequent page. Installation is anticipated to occur the week of August 19.

Paramount Art Pictures:







Amphitheatre Sculpture Update:



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Agenda Item 8 – Art Not on Display

