
Visual Arts Commission Agenda

Thursday, November 13, 2014 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Cedar Rapids City Hall – Blairs Ferry Conference Room
101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2014
2. Greene Square – Sven Leff
3. Possible relocation of Sky Blade
4. Finding a location to display artwork
 - a. Sculpture in Chambers Conference Room
 - b. Pinney tree
 - c. Weiderspans
5. Collections Management RFP Update
6. 2015 Work Plan
7. Discuss brochure
 - a. Possible issues with copyrights
 - b. Artwork to include in brochure
8. Announcements / Items for next meeting
9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: December 11, 2014

Visual Arts Commission Minutes

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<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Not Present</i>
Bill Stamats, Chairman	X	
Ann Knierim		X
Arbe Bareis		X
Mel Andringa	X	
Marilee Fowler		X
Lynn Ocken	X	
Barbara Green	X	
Kim Vogel	X	
Mary Ottoson		X

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, September 11, 2014

A motion was made by Green, seconded by Vogel with unanimous approval.

2. Storage of artwork not on display

a. Finding a location to display artwork

i. *Seth & Kirsty working on updating list of artwork and current locations*

Staff provided an updated list of artwork and current locations.

ii. *Discuss potential locations for artwork in storage/artwork in need of placement*

Recommendations were made to relocate the following:

1. Have Todd Sabin remove the heart from the Pinney tree and make other repairs as necessary. Hang up the piece in the lobby at City Services Center.

2. Display Galaxy and Constellation (Wiederspan) at the City Services Center

3. Display Astral (Wiederspan) at a school such as Kennedy, Jefferson, or Washington (contact Laurel Day)

4. Reframe and mat the Preston and display in the Chamber Conference Room

5. Reframe and mat the three Kalls and display in a conference room in the basement of City Hall

6. Relocate the sculpture in the Chamber Conference Room to the lobby of City Hall

7. Reframe and mat the Mesner and offer to NewBo City Market

8. Loan the Czech painting to the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library

Recommendations were made to deaccession and donate the following:

1. Floral Bouquet (Evans)

2. Greene Opera House photographs (Kilborn). Donate to the History Museum.

3. Still Life with Pomegranates (Le Clair)

Possible organizations to make donations to are Murals & More and the Opera Board.

The Collections Management Committee will use the list of City facilities to look for potential locations for other pieces in storage. Facilities that will be visited are the APAC Building, Central Fire Station, City Services Center, and the Water Administration Building. Staff will also work on getting artwork in storage on the CRTalks website to gather community feedback as to where they'd like to see the art placed.

iii. Discuss Frame

The Frame is currently at the Prairie Park Fishery. Staff will coordinate with Parks & Rec so that the Visual Arts Commission is consulted before the Frame is moved.

3. Collections Management Update

Staff received a draft RFP for the Collections Manager position. This will be emailed out to the Commission and discussed at the next meeting.

4. Review Work Plan for 2015

a. Review & provide input for 2015 goals

Staff worked with the Commission on edits to the 2015 Work Plan. This Work Plan will go before Development Committee on November 19th.

5. Announcements / Items for next meeting

6. Adjournment

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Visual Arts Commission 2015 Work Plan

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHARTER

The City of Cedar Rapids Visual Arts Commission is a nine member Commission appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Council. The Commission was established as the recommending body regarding public visual art within the City by Resolution No. 316-2-94 dated February 23, 1994.

CHARTER GOALS

1. To improve the appearance and cultural climate of the city, so as to enhance quality of life and community prestige.
2. Involve the public in the selection and dedication of public art.
3. Use eligible funds wisely to incorporate public art in our city.
4. To use art as an aid in economic development.
5. To encourage local artists by supporting their works and efforts.
6. To incorporate visual arts in the design process of qualifying projects.

MEETINGS

Scheduled meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month unless otherwise published, beginning at 3:00 pm at City Hall.

CONTACTS

Commissioners and Term

Bill Stamats, Chair	Term thru 2016
Ann Knierim, Vice Chair	Term thru 2015
Mel Andringa	Term thru 2015
Arbe Bareis	Term thru 2015
Marilee Fowler	Term thru 2015
Lynn Ocken	Term thru 2016
Barbara Green	Term thru 2017
Kim Vogel	Term thru 2017
Mary Ottoson	Term thru 2017

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Visual Arts Commission 2015 Work Plan

2014 Highlights

- Reframing and installation of three Ann Royer paintings in the Blairs Ferry Conference Room at City Hall
- Creation of three committees: Artwork Review, Collections Management, and Outreach
- Updates to the Visual Arts Commission website
- Began the process of creating a brochure highlighting artwork throughout the City
- Initiated the process to create a Collections Manager position

Advise City Council on Public Art Collection

Goals and Ongoing Tasks

- Review Gift Art Applications and make recommendations to the City Council for inclusion into the collection
- Review and make recommendations on mural applications
- Serve as recommending body on other matters pertaining to public art
- Assist groups interested in installing art in the community
- Develop annual Work Plan
- Review and make recommendations on placement of pieces in the City art collection
- Review and make recommendations on deaccessioning pieces of the City art collection

2015 Action Items

Item	Cost or resource	Timeline
Elect Chair and Vice Chair	VAC	January, 2015
Develop 2016 Work Plan	VAC and Staff	October, 2015
Present Work Plan to Development Committee	VAC and Staff	November, 2015
Present Work Plan to City Council	VAC and Staff	January, 2016

Public Outreach and Education

Ongoing Tasks

- Promote newly acquired art in the community
- Develop promotional materials to educate and celebrate public art collection
- Represent the City at public events such as Downtown Farmer’s Markets
- Seek resident input on ideas to enhance Cedar Rapids

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2015 Action Items

Item	Cost or resource	Timeline
Print promotional material for art collection – either pamphlets or downtown tours	Up to \$10,000	Early 2015
Update photography and artwork inventory to include new and relocated pieces	Up to \$2,500	Mid 2015
Provide feedback on the sculpture donation for Greene Square	Staff and VAC	Mid 2015

Stewardship of Public Art Collection

Ongoing Tasks

- Identify opportunities to purchase new art through the 2% for Arts Policy
- Make Recommendations on Gift Art Applications
- Identify maintenance and conservation needs for Public Art Collection

2015 Action Items

Item	Cost	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete process of hiring of a Collections Manager to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Survey existing art ○ Maintain Records, including appraisal of art ○ Develop Conservation Plan and schedule 	Up to \$10,000	Early 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install or deaccess public art currently in storage 	Staff and VAC Subcommittee	Early 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to purchase art as part of the 2% for art policy for FY2016 	As available in FY16 Budget	Early 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to develop budgets and timelines for any public art purchases through 2% for Arts Policy 	Staff and VAC Subcommittee	Mid 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan a public outreach event to promote art in Cedar Rapids 	Staff and VAC	Mid 2015