
Visual Arts Commission Agenda

Thursday, September 11, 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, August 21, 2014
2. Murals & More – Mike Mesch
3. Discuss committees/Assign new members
 - a. Outreach (Arbe, Marilee, Lynn)
 - i. Update on brochure/art map from Kirkwood interns
 - b. Collections Management (Mel, Arbe, Marilee, Ann)
 - c. Artwork Review (Bill, Ann)
4. Storage of artwork not on display
 - a. Finding a location to display artwork in storage
 - i. Seth & Kirsty working on updating list of artwork and current locations
 - ii. Discuss potential locations for frame
5. 2% Policy Update
6. Collections Management Update
7. Greene Square Park Sculpture
8. Review Work Plan for 2015
9. IgniteCR
 - a. Form a committee
 - b. Brainstorm ideas for event
 - c. Discuss potential dates/timing for event
10. Announcements / Items for next meeting
11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 9, 2014



Visual Arts Commission Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2014 | 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Cedar Rapids City Hall – Blairs Ferry Conference Room
101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401

<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	

Also in Attendance: Seth Gunnerson & Kirsty Sanchez

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 by Chairman Stamats

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2014

A motion was made by Knierim, seconded by Ocken, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2014 meeting, with unanimous approval.

2. Introduction of new member – Barbara Green

3. Discuss Committees

a. *Collections Management (Mel, Arbe, Marilee, Ann)*

i. The RFQ for the Collections Manager position will be reviewed by the committee once it's been prepared.

b. *Artwork Review (Bill, Ann)*

i. Relocation of frame – We will post a discussion on CRTalks for recommendations of where the frame should be moved to next. The frame is showing signs of rusting and may need to be touched up.

ii. Update on Landwave – A final attempt was made to see if the DoubleTree would display Landwave. We are still trying to find a home for this piece. Staff will create a list of all City facilities to see if any of these locations would be suitable for Landwave or any of the other artwork in storage. The Human Service Building, Vets Memorial, and County Building were mentioned as possible locations.

c. *Outreach (Arbe, Marilee, Lynn, Lisa)*

-
- i. Schedule a meeting with the Interns to prepare for September meeting – Arbe will be meeting with the interns in the near future. We will work on coordinating a meeting with the Outreach Committee and the interns.

 - 4. Storage of artwork not on display**
 - a. Status of 3 Royers being reframed – The paintings have been reframed. They will be hung in the Blairs Ferry Conference Room on 8/22.
 - b. Finding a location to display artwork in storage – Staff will work on updating the list of artwork and their current locations.
 - c. Airport artwork update – No update on the artwork at the Airport.

 - 5. IgniteCR – This topic was tabled until the next meeting**
 - a. *Form a committee*
 - b. *Brainstorm ideas for event*

Approximately 150 people attended the last IgniteCR event. Each person had 5 minutes to pitch their ideas. If we decide to change the format of the event we will have to call it something other than Ignite. We should consider changing the format of the event and try to get sponsors who will help select projects to carryout in Cedar Rapids. Consider holding the event in the summer/fall to allow for more planning.

 6. Announcements / Items for next meeting
 - a. Murals and More – September VAC Meeting

 7. Adjournment

Visual Arts Commission 2014 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 4:00 pm at City Hall.

CONTACTS

Commissioners and Term

Bill Stamats, Chair	Term thru 2016
Ann Knierim	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

City Council Liaison

Ann Poe
a.poe@cedar-rapids.org

Staff Liaisons

Seth Gunnerson
319.286.5129
s.gunnerson@cedar-rapids.org

Kirsty Sanchez
319.286.5428
k.sanchez@cedar-rapids.org

Visual Arts Commission 2014 Work Plan

2013 Highlights

- Installation of \$100,000 sculpture entitled “Distortion”, by Volkan Alkanoglu, in the US Cellular Center Lobby
- Installation of five original paintings by local artists (John Paul Schafer, Sue Hettmansperger, Mary Zeran, and Susan White) in US Cellular Center
- Installation of “Crystal Impression” by Tom and Jean Latka at Amphitheater
- Restoration of several works of art for the Paramount Theater
- Ignite Event held March 7, attended by nearly 100 residents. Led to downtown intersection Mural Project in July

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

2014 Action Items

Item	Cost or resource	Timeline
Elect Chair and Vice Chair	VAC	January, 2014
Develop 2015 Work Plan	VAC and Staff	October, 2014
Present Work Plan to Development Committee	VAC and Staff	October, 2014
Present Work Plan to City Council	VAC and Staff	January, 2015

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

Visual Arts Commission 2014 Work Plan

2014 Action Items

Item	Cost or resource	Timeline
Develop promotional material for art collection – either pamphlets or downtown tours	Up to \$10,000	Early 2014
Update website	Staff	Early 2014
Update photography to include new and relocated pieces	Up to \$2,500	Mid 2014

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

2014 Action Items

Item	Cost	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research 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 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install or deaccess public art currently in storage 	Staff and VAC Subcommittee	Early 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities to purchase art as part of the 2% for art policy for FY2015 	As available in FY15 Budget	Early 2014
<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 2014