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Visual Arts Commission Agenda

Thursday, March 19, 2015 | 3:15 – 5:00 pm
Cedar Rapids City Hall – Blairs Ferry Conference Room
101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes, February 12, 2015
3. City Art Brochure
4. Courtroom Mural Update
5. Green Square Sculpture Update
6. Relocation of Skyblade
7. Other Project Updates
8. Announcements / Items for next meeting
9. Adjournment

Next Meeting: April 9, 2015

Visual Arts Commission Minutes

Thursday, February 12, 2015 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm
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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

The meeting was called to order at 3:03 pm by Chairman Stamats

1. Public Comment

No members of the public were present to offer comment.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2014

A motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Green, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2015 meeting with unanimous approval.

3. Overalls All Over

Kristie Wetjen from NewBo City Market was on hand to present a project being worked on to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the birth of Grant Wood in 2016. The project will potentially include three aspects. The most prominent will be the placement of fiberglass statues of American Gothic throughout the community and region. Each statue will be painted by an artist in a different style, similar to the Herkys on Parade in Iowa City/Coralville last year. Other associated projects will include signage identifying scenes painted by Grant Wood, and temporary murals in the Czech Village/New Bohemia district where artists will be invited to interpret the work of Grant Wood.

A motion was made by Fowler, seconded by Ocken, with unanimous approval, to recommend approval and support of the project to the City Council. More information will be presented to the Visual Arts Commission as the project details become finalized.

4. City Art Brochure

Bill Stamats reported that he has been working with the interns to finalize the City's Art Brochure. Outstanding issues with finalizing the project involve copy-write issues with

certain proposed images. Certain images not in public locations may require a fee to be paid for it to be used in the brochure.

The plan is to finalize a layout for the brochure by March. Once the City obtains the InDesign files for the brochure staff can swap out images if needed and keep the brochure updated in the future. The goal is to have the brochure available for the public by the April Courthouse Mural presentation.

5. Courtroom Mural Update

Staff reported that a firm has been selected to restore the east panel of the mural in the City Council Chambers (former Federal Courtroom). The company, Fine Arts Conservation Laboratories (FACL, Inc) of California will be on site in April and will complete the restoration over a 2 to 3 week period.

As part of the grant money available to restore the mural, the City will be conducting a series of lectures in March, April and May to promote the pieces and tell the story of murals. The March lecture will be conducted by Lea DeLong and Kristy Raines and will focus on the north wall. The April lecture will be conducted by Scott Haskins and Lea DeLong and focus on the south mural. The May lecture will be conducted by Sean Ulmer and be focused on the newly restored east wall.

6. Relocation of Skyblade

Staff reported that the work on Greene Square has been delayed by 4-6 weeks, which has pushed back the location of Skyblade. Staff has discussed the relocation and the Parks and Recreation Department will take the lead for the relocation of Skyblade, which will happen this spring as the construction on Greene Square starts.

7. Project Updates

- Various paintings have been picked up by the Gilded Pear Gallery and The Modern Gallery for reframing. Staff hopes to have them back in a couple weeks.
- The next priority will be to have the Dick Pinney tree repaired and relocated to the City Services Center. Staff will reach out to galleries and artists to obtain quotes to complete the work.
- Staff will also look into purchasing a base for the Terpsichore statue and place it in a more public location in City Hall.

8. Announcements/Items for next meeting

A discussion was held about review process for gift art applications. Among the items discussed were whether the Visual Arts Commission could go into a closed (non-public) session to discuss applications so that the board would be able to speak more openly.



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Staff noted that meetings were governed by the State of Iowa's Open Meetings Act and that closed session was only permitted for certain matters. Staff would provide information to the VAC on the rules for open meetings at the next regular meeting.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting stood adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2015