Visual Arts Commission Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 2019 | 3:30pm
Collins Conference Room (Lower Level)
101 1st Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA

1. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Kayt Conrad—Chair, Lynn Ocken, Jonathan Berger, Maria Moore, Liz Burgin, Anne Johnson, Elizabeth Rhoads Read, John Soukup

Commissioners Absent: David Van Allen

Community Development Staff Present: Sylvia Brueckert

2. Approval of Minutes
October 10, 2019 minutes. Burgin motioned to approved, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input
None.

4. Action Items
a. Review of proposals for U.S. Cellular Center Lantern and possible selection
Commissioners reviewed proposals from seven artists. They determine four finalists for whom they would like to ask follow up questions about their proposals. These finalists are Erik Carlson, John Fleming, Philip Vaughan, and Jeff Zischke. Commissions will send these questions to staff by 11/21. Staff will combine questions and send to artists with a deadline for responses of December 2. A subcommittee that includes Conrad, Ocken, and Johnson, with Moore and Berger as alternates, will meet on December 4 to determine if interviews are necessary to make a selection.

5. Update and Discussion Items
a. VAC Approval Process
Staff provided a one-sheet handout that explains the VAC approval process for art on public property. Commissioners provided comments that will be incorporated into the final document.

b. Draft 2020 Work Plan
Commissioners will review and send comments on the work plan by December 2. Staff will make changes as needed, and the work plan will be on the agenda for approval at the December 12 meeting.

c. UFG Pocket Plaza Call for Artists
Commissioners discussed the release date and deadlines for a Call for Artists. Call for artists will be released early January 2020, with submissions due early February for review and selection at the February 13 meeting.

d. League of Women Voters Proposal
Rhoads Read asked a question about lighting on-site for an artist who is interested in proposing a project. Staff will find out and reach out with an answer.

6. Member Updates/Announcements
a. Grant application for utility box art
Staff informed the Commission about a grant opportunity. Staff plans to apply for a pilot program of art on traffic utility boxes along 6th St SW, in partnership with students from IowaBIG.

7. Adjournment
Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rhoads Read. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00pm.