Visual Arts Commission Minutes  
Thursday, January 9, 2020 | 3:30 pm  
Collins Conference Room (Lower Level)  
101 1st Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA

1. Roll Call  
Commissioners Present: Kayt Conrad—Chair, David Van Allen—Vice Chair, Lynn Ocken, Elizabeth Rhoads Read, John Soukup, Maria Moore, Anne Johnson, Jonathan Berger  
Commissioners Absent: Liz Burgin  
Community Development Staff Present: Sylvia Brueckert, Bill Micheel  
Others present: John Fleming

2. Approval of Minutes  
January 9, 2020 minutes. Soukup moved to approve, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Input  
None.

4. Action Items  

a. John Fleming—Approval of Concept  
John Fleming presented details on his concept for Portrait of Iowa. The Commission discussed the materials, lighting, and selection of photographs.  
Discussion of the public engagement portion of the project. In the Spring, Fleming will host a kick-off meeting at which he will present the concept to the public and explain needs for photography to be submitted. Following the kick-off, online submissions will be available for photographs, with broad promotion to encourage participation from a diverse group of Cedar Rapidians. Staff will continue to work with Fleming on coordination for this event.

b. League of Women Voters Sculpture—Gift Art Application  
Rhodes Read provided an update to the Commission on the proposed sculpture, including a concept rendering and a submitted gift art application. Ocken made a motion to recommend acceptance of the gift art, seconded by Soukup. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Update and Discussion Items  

a. City Flag Redesign  
Staff provided a brief overview of the flag redesign project and invited a VAC member to participate in the upcoming committee to review proposed designs. Berger volunteer to assist on this committee.

6. Member Updates/Announcements  
None.
7. Adjournment
Johnson motioned to adjourn, seconded by Moore. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.