Visual Arts Commission Minutes  
Thursday, December 12, 2019 | 3:30pm  
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, Jonathan Berger, Liz Burgin, Anne Johnson, Elizabeth Rhoads Read, John Soukup  
Commissioners Absent: Maria Moore  
Community Development Staff Present: Sylvia Brueckert

2. Approval of Minutes  
November 14, 2019 minutes. Ocken motioned to approved, seconded by Rhodes Read. 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 answers to questions sent to four artists. A subcommittee made up of Conrad, Ocken, and Johnson recommended Carlson and Fleming as top candidates based on their answers to these questions. After some discussion and debate, the Commission voted to award the contract to Fleming. Motion by Johnson, seconded by Ocken. Motion passed 6-2, with Rhodes Read and Berger opposed.

b. League of Women Voters Sculpture Proposal  
Rhodes Read provided an update to the Commission on the proposed sculpture. We are currently waiting to hear about a cost estimate from Alliant for lighting for the sculpture. Rhodes Read also shared some concept sketches. No action at this time.

c. 2020 Work Plan  
The Commission reviewed the 2020 work plan. Conrad submitted recommended additions that will be incorporated. Ocken motioned to approve, seconded by Rhodes Read. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Update and Discussion Items  

a. UFG Pocket Plaza  
Staff provided a brief update related to the ground-level panels. The Commission recommended increasing the payment amount for the Call for Artists to include these panels as well. The Call will be released in early January.

b. Utility Box Art Pilot Program  
Naomi Miller, a student at Iowa BIG, presented an idea to do a pilot project of art on utility boxes. Miller plans to work on designing and installing art on one utility box, with a few proposed locations. The Commission expressed support and recommended focusing on the utility box near Kennedy High School.
c. “Addressing our Aging Population” Survey—Mercy Medical Center
Conrad shared a survey request from Mercy Medical Center. Commissioners will share their thoughts with Conrad and she will submit the completed survey.

6. Member Updates/Announcements

None.

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