Visual Arts Commission Minutes  
Thursday, November 13, 2014 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Cedar Rapids City Hall – Blairs Ferry Conference Room  
101 First Street SE, Cedar Rapids IA 52401

Commissioner | Present | Not Present
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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 | 

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, October 9, 2014**  
   A motion was made by Ocken, seconded by Green with unanimous approval.

2. **Greene Square – Sven Leff**  
   Sven Leff, Director of Parks and Recreation, provided information about the Revival of Greene Square. Linn County will be donating a sculpture of up to $250,000. The Linn County Visual Arts Commission needs input from the City’s Commission on how the sculpture should complement the park and its surroundings. Staff will set up a special meeting for the VAC to decide what feedback to give to the County’s VAC.

3. **Possible relocation of Sky Blade**  
   It was suggested that Sky Blade be relocated in front of the Economic Alliance. Staff will contact the Alliance to see if there’s interest in Sky Blade. There’s also a possibility that Sky Blade could remain in Greene Square.

4. **Finding a location to display artwork**  
   a. Sculpture in Chambers Conference Room  
   b. Pinney tree  
   c. Weiderspans  
   The Commission reviewed the following recommendations that have been made for the possible placements and relocations of City art.  
   1. Have Todd Sabin remove the heart from the Pinney tree and make other repairs as necessary. Locate by the Parks and Recreation Department at the City Services Center.  
   2. Display Galaxy and Constellation (Wiederspan) at the City Services Center.
3. Display Astral (Wiederspan) at a school such as Kennedy, Jefferson, or Washington (contact Laurel Day).
4. Reframe and mat the Preston and display in the Chamber Conference Room.
5. Reframe and mat the three Kalls and display in a conference room in the basement of City Hall.
6. Relocate the sculpture in the Chamber Conference Room to the lobby of City Hall. Remove the current base and replace.
7. Reframe and mat the Mesner and offer to NewBo City Market
8. Loan the Czech painting to the National Czech and Slovak Museum and Library

Staff has asked Sven Leff if there’s interest in hanging Landwave at the new recreation center.

5. **Collections Management RFP Update**

Staff reviewed the recommendations made by the Visual Arts Commission and made updates to the RFP for the Collections Manager. The Visual Arts Commission will help to select the Collections Manager and the Collections Manager will report to the Commission. A recommendation was made that the Collections Manager make recommendations on future art mediums and identify potential funding sources. A committee will be formed to do this work.

6. **2015 Work Plan**

The VAC reviewed the final 2015 Work Plan that is going before Development Committee on 11/19/2014.

7. **Discuss brochure**
   a. Possible issues with copyrights
   b. Artwork to include in brochure

   The Outreach Committee will select artwork that to be included in the brochure. They will also look into copyright issues to ensure that artwork isn’t in violation of any copyright laws. Bill will speak with Sean Ulmer to identify artwork at the Art Museum that can be used in the brochure. Sue will work with Bill on the content for the brochure. Mel will write an introduction for the brochure highlighting the murals in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

   Sue and Dakota will work with the Outreach Committee and will bring a final draft before the Visual Arts Commission at the January meeting.

   **Next Meeting:** November 13, 2014