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Joe Schaeffer, Board Chair  
Maren Engel, Arts Coordinator

### Meeting Minutes

**ITEM 1.** Call to Order and Quorum Determination Joe

Chairperson Joe Schaeffer called the meeting to order at 9:00am.  
Member Participants: Joe Schaeffer, Wyatt Dickson and Mike Jamison were in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Maren Engel and Jeff Eckhoff from Planning & Development Services

**ITEM 2.** Welcome Members and Guests Joe

**ITEM 3.** Approval of Regular Agenda Joe

Commissioner Dickson made the motion to approve the regular agenda with an approved edit to change the date on Item 4 from May 21, 2023 to May 21, 2024. Commissioner Jamison seconded the motion. The agenda was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 4.** Approval of May 21, 2024 Minutes Joe

Commissioner Dickson made the motion to approve the May 21, 2024 meeting minutes and Commissioner Jamison seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**ITEM 5.** Public Input on Non-Agenda Items (*Chairperson*) Joe  
(5-minute comment period per individual)

None

**ITEM 6.** New Business Maren/Jeff  
a. Discuss Arts Commission/VAC Application

**Building Services**  
605-367-8670  
Fax: 605-367-6045

**Housing/Neighborhood Services**  
605-367-8180  
Fax: 605-367-8737

**Licensing**  
605-367-8672  
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**Planning**  
605-367-8888  
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**Property Maintenance**  
605-978-6900  
Fax: 605-367-8737

**Zoning**  
605-367-8254  
Fax: 605-367-6045

Maren and Jeff shared an update on the process for standing up the Arts Commission. A press release will go out Thursday, July 18 and a recommendation to the mayor and city council will be made after ample time is given for community members to apply. A goal to stand up the commission is for early September.

Commissioner Schaeffer asked for clarity on the structure of the new Arts Commission and the Visual Arts Committee. The former Visual Arts Commission will become a committee of the overall Arts Commission and its duties will remain the same. The committee currently has three open positions that we hope to fill.

- b. Establish Future VAC Meetings/Working Sessions Maren/Joe

Commissioner Schaeffer and Commissioner Dickson recommended establishing working sessions on a case-by-case basis. We will set the working session for the Tuesday before the regular meeting and assess if there is a need, month-by-month.

- c. City Comp Plan Art Project Maren/Jeff

This item was tabled due to lack of time and information about the project. Maren will contact the Planning team to determine the timeline and details and will report back at the next Visual Arts Committee meeting.

- d. SculptureWalk Best in Show Judging Joe

Commissioners discussed the change in the selection process from previous years. The VAC now receives the top three "People's Choice" selections from SculptureWalk and then selects their "Best in Show" winner from those three. This allows the VAC to consider maintenance needs, how the pieces reflect the views and values of the city, and how the piece fits into the current city owned art collection, while still supporting a popular piece amongst voters. Commissioner Jamison requested that we bring in a SculptureWalk representative to talk about the pieces in the future.

The VAC reviewed the three "People's Choice" award sculpture which included:

**Taking Flight**

Michael Young

11' x 3.5' x 7'

Stainless Steel

\$25,000

<https://sculpturewalksiouxfalls.com/sculptures/2024/taking-flight/>

**Gone to Seed**

Nathan Johansen

24" x 15" x 14"

Bronze

\$5,600

<https://sculpturewalksiouxfalls.com/sculptures/2024/gone-to-seed/>

**Interpretive Dance**

Rick Haugen

36" x 15" x 15"

Bronze  
\$9,150

<https://sculpturewalksiouxfalls.com/sculptures/2024/interpretive-dance/>

After reviewing the artist's statements, the VAC unanimously chose "Gone to Seed", citing its uniqueness, meaning, and fit with the current city art collection. Commissioner Dickson made the motion to approve the selection and purchase of "Gone to Seed" and Commissioner Schaeffer seconded the motion. The selection was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 7.** Arts Coordinator Updates

- a. Public Art Maintenance Update Maren
- b. Pending Art Donations Maren
- c. Minneapolis Site Visit Insights Maren

The Arts Coordinator Update was tabled to next meeting due to lack of time.

**ITEM 8.** Announcements

- a. Next Regular Meeting: 9:00am August 20, Location TBD

**ITEM 7.** Adjournment

Joe

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00am.