

# City of Hutchinson – Public Arts Commission

January 28, 2010

3:30 PM - City Center

## Regular Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Tom Wirt, Terry Kempfert, Dolf Moon, Jim Haugen

**Absent:** Joanne Wilmert, Buzz Burich

**Permanent Public Art Commission (PAC) representatives are:** Tom Wirt, Chair, Jim Haugen, Vice Chair, Terry Kempfert, Secretary/Treasurer, Joanne Wilmert, Buzz Burich.

### 1) Call to Order

- a. Tom Wirt called the meeting to order at 3:35.
- b. There were no additions to the agenda.

### 2) Old Business

- a. Minutes from 19 November, 2009 approved with one change (MSP) Moon/Haugen
- b. Update on Legacy Funds availability – Tom
  - i. Grant proposal due 2 feb 10
  - ii. Let's pick an idea and go with it. What's our number one need?
    1. Talked about building on what we have – Luce Line trail, little crow, parks by the river, AFS statue, McLeod Cty Historical Society, Miller's Woods.
  - iii. Then we do a "call for artists" to gather ideas
  - iv. Then go to SWIF, other places for matching funds

### 3) New Business

- a. Choose a project to start with
  - i. Possibly start in center of town - can go in all directions – "tell the story" – each piece of art adds to the design.
  - ii. Motion made to approach SWIF and Utilities (2 potential sites) to see what interest there is. Tom will put together a proposal for grant money by Feb 6. Need to work with Forecast, create a brochure, then call for artist ideas with the intention of eventually developing a "walk" along our river corridor that ties into the other historical and artistic sites in town. (MSP) Kempfert/Haugen
- b. Terry will call potentials to join our commission. Possibly a student and someone from our community interested in art.

Meeting adjourned. (MSP) Haugen/Moon

Terry Kempfert, Secretary/Treasurer

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 3:30 PM in the City Center Conference Room.**

# City of Hutchinson – Public Arts Commission

June 10, 2010

3:30 PM City Center

## Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom Wirt, Buzz Burich, Dolf Moon, Jim Haugen

Guests: Nancy Fasching representing Southwest Initiative Foundation, Lena Mowlem, and LuAnn Draskowski

### Old Business:

1. Tom facilitated discussions to review the draft of the Request For Quote (RFQ) to call qualified artists for the public art project placement on the SW corner of the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) property. Revisions and key points:
  - a. Economic base should lead with manufacturing (not agriculture)
  - b. Include Les Kouba collaborated with Robert Jackson on the Little Crow statue
  - c. Expanded to include all Chamber of Commerce members have permission to use images of the artwork for educational and promo purposes.
  - d. Discussion that the total cost of the project is to include moving the current large bolder and reset it elsewhere on SWIF property.
  - e. Addition to the application required submission 3 references
  - f. The project schedule will include adding dates for periodic informational updates with the Hutchinson City Council (7/27, 9/28).
  - g. All artist applications will be mailed to Dolf Moon, representing Hutchinson's Park and Rec department.
  - h. SWIF's Board of Directors will be involved in making the final decision on artist.
  - i. Next steps are to finalize the documents; including the RFQ, Site Plan with photos, and the application form. Jack Becker, Forecast representative, will be our contact for recommendations and distribution.
  - j. The July Public Arts Commission meeting will focus on judging the artist applications and narrowing down to the two finalists. A suggestions was made to draft a document to aid with criteria judging for the July meeting
  - k. The legal process between Marc Sebor, City Attorney. and SWIF will begin when the selection is determined.
2. Tom updated the members on the possibility of a Southwest Minnesota Arts & Humanities (SMAHC) Legacy Grant for developing a Hutchinson Walking Tour project to be initiated in August. SMAHC is expected to will be releasing their upcoming grant dates soon.

### New Business:

1. Dolf shared that Hutch Utilities is considering public art included in their Phase III project.

Meeting Adjourned

**Next Meeting:** July 15<sup>th</sup> **May need to be delayed until July 22<sup>nd</sup> because of SWIF schedules.**

**City of Hutchinson – Public Commission**  
**August 15, 2010**  
**1:00 PM SWIF**

Special Meeting

Members Present: Tom Wirt, Dolf Moon, Jim Haugen, Joann Wilmert, Lena Mowlem, Terry Kempfert, Dan Jochum

Guests: Nancy Fasching and Sherry Ristow representing Southwest Initiative Foundation

**Discussion:**

1. Tom facilitated discussions to review the samples of art submitted.
  - a. Discussed various photos
  - b. Top end to spend - \$100,000
2. Jim suggested coming up with a “mission” for this project
  - a. Need to define – park area or not, more vertically oriented?, what do we specifically want? Abstract, but with symbolism. Column, archway, tiles, vertical, not horizontal, etc.
  - b. Some like the playful abstract of Arthur Videen.
  - c. Some liked the mosaic Susan Warner.
  - d. Deb Zeller – sculpture with benches surrounding.
  - e. Sherry talked about what Hutchinson and this region have in common - entrepreneurship, innovation, agriculture, manufacturing, farming roots (food, sustenance), solar, wind
  - f. Possibility of adding additional sculptures in communities throughout the region – we might symbolize the “gateway”.
  - g. Took a trip outside to view the proposed site.
3. Agreed to invite Arthur Videen & Scott Wallace to work up proposals for us.
4. SWIF Board meets in early November – we would like to introduce the concept at that meeting, then meet with their board when the concepts are ready to accept.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Terry Kempfert, secretary

**Next Meeting:** tentatively - September 23<sup>rd</sup> at SWIF (may be subject to change once we have dates set with the artists.)

**City of Hutchinson – Public Commission**  
**September 23, 2010**  
**3:30 PM SWIF**

**Members Present:** Tom Wirt, Steve Cook, Jim Haugen, Audrey Hollatz, Lena Mowlem, Terry Kempfert

**Guests:** Nancy Fasching and Sherry Ristow representing Southwest Initiative Foundation, guest artists – Arthur Videen & Alexander Tylevich, Brandon Vik, Casey Stotts

**Call to Order**

Additions to agenda

Approval of Minutes August 15<sup>th</sup>

**Discussion:**

1. Introduction of Artist Finalists - Arthur Videen & Alexander Tylevich
2. Tom facilitated discussions on expectations of SWIF project.
  - a. We have given the artists our “vision” in our RFQ
  - b. Discussed size and scope – need to see if there are any restrictions with MNDOT or other organizations – height, setbacks, etc.
  - c. The artists would like specifics on the space we have to work with.
  - d. Whatever we do here should add value to the site.
3. Next Step
  - a. See if there are any restrictions and give them an idea of scale.
  - b. Artists will come up with concept proposal. They were both comfortable in doing that once they know the restrictions,
  - c. Time Frame – by our next meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Entered into agreement with both artists for a \$500 payment for a detailed proposal.
4. Fire Department Proposal
  - a. Discussion was held while viewing the drawings and proposal for the Fireman’s Monument and park. PAC liked the drawing and concept itself, but members were concerned that there were so many things going on in the west side of that park and that putting these elements in there as well, would make that area too crowded (fountain, cupola, rock, path, shelter). The feeling was that it would possibly be more effective to move this entire design (or pieces of it) further back in the park and make it a destination that people would walk over to see, rather than a monument that is visible just driving by the park.
  - b. Our recommendation would be to possibly do the project in stages, or have some more funding put to it to make it of the quality that would be a tribute to firefighters and revisit the materials used to make the statue, and possibly the addition of a more comprehensive plan of landscape architecture for the entire site. Perhaps looking for more grant money to develop the whole site.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM. Hollatz/Haugen  
*Terry Kempfert, secretary*

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 PM at city hall.

**City of Hutchinson – Public Commission**  
**November 18, 2010**  
**3:30 PM SWIF**

**Members Present:** Tom Wirt, Steve Jim Haugen, Lena Mowlem, Terry Kempfert, Joanne Wilmert, Buzz Burich, Dolf Moon, Dan Jochum, Audrey Hollatz

**Guests:** Brandon Vik, Joe Nagel

**Call to Order**

Additions to agenda – Vandalism to Hutchinson Brothers Statues

Changes to minutes – Presentation of artists moved to December 16, 2010. 3:30 PM at SWIF

Approval of Minutes September 23, 2010 – Wilmert/Mowlem

**Discussion:**

1. Presentations will be on December 16, 2010 at 3:30 PM at SWIF - Arthur Videen, Alexander Tylevich, Scott Wallace.
2. Tom facilitated discussions on expectations of SWIF project as far as artist presentations.
  - a. Dan will check on any site restrictions and get them to Tom including lighting.
  - b. Presentations will be 20 minutes each with 10 minutes for questions following each artist. Artists will be brought in for their time, selected by drawing straws.
3. Fire Department Proposal
  - a. Discussion was held as a group as to the purpose for the project and what we would like the outcome to be. There should be a way to draw people into the park and make it a destination, not just something we view from the road.
  - b. The parking lot belongs to Shopko, but the city has a good working relationship with them and it shouldn't be any problem to bring more traffic to their location.
  - c. The fire department is taking a fresh look at their plan and refocusing on the needs of the site along with making it be a more encompassing project that might be partially financed with the use of grants.
  - d. Our Commission is willing to help the Fire Department write grants to move this project along. Lena Mowlem will be the liaison from our commission to the fire department committee.
4. Police Department Project – 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Office Mike Hogan's shooting this year. They are looking for ideas for a memorial for him and as a tribute to other police officers who have served our community. They would like something unveiled in 4 yrs for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.
  - a. Ideas from the department are benches, pavers, statues – etc.
  - b. The commission suggested a planning group to decide "what" it is first, then move forward with ideas, funding, approval, etc. Perhaps a \$2000 planning grant could be used to start brainstorming. Terry, Joey and Dan will help with this project.
5. Vandalism to Hutchinson Brothers statues
  - a. Dolf suggested pulling the statues down, putting on a new patina, then a wax finish.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00 PM. Haugen/Moon

*Terry Kempfert, secretary*

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 PM at SWIF.