

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, October 16, 2017, 4:30 at Duluth City Hall, Room 106A.

Present: Rachel Payne, Mary Tennis, Laurel Sanders, Jason Hale, Mary Mathews, Melissa LaTour, Sandy Johnson, Ashley Kolka

Called to order, 4:40 p.m.

Discussion

Addition to the agenda:

- New Projects
- New Commissioners

Creative Watershed Subcommittee

Mary reported on the subcommittee meeting. The big topic of discussion was whether or not the Kinetic Bike Race could be based in Lake Place Park – thus combining several DPAC goals.

The subcommittee also identified tasks that needed to be addressed:

- Permitting
- Race path/trail route
- Potential partners, i.e. Magic Smelt
- Sponsors
- Budget and finance
- Marketing
- Tom Hollenhorst (Karin Kramer's husband, whose ideas this was at the summit)
- Neighborhoods having race and planning representation
- Duluth Folk School, bike shops, and Make Space having classes on kinetic sculpture bike building
- Food access. What's available? What is allowed?
- Event space
- Logistics

Art Summit and Kinetic Sculpture Race Scheduling

There was consensus that the next art summit should take place in October and at an inclusive facility. There was support for holding the summit at the Norshor building.

There was also discussion about determining budgets for the race and the summit.

DPAC members will identify possible dates in the Fall of 18.

Mary will contact AICHO about using their space for the summit. Sandy will ask Christine Seitz about using the Norshor space.

Next Creative Watershed Subcommittee will be November 1 at 4:30.

Mary Mathews will contact Tom Hollenhorst about the kinetic sculpture race.

Jason will explore free venues owned by the city.

Minutes

The minutes from the September meeting were amended and approved.

Conversation and Maintenance

Laurel reported on conservation and maintenance efforts of the four identified sculptures. Kristin Cheronos will report on ways to address the inaccurate signage on the Leif Erikson statute.

Discussion continued on how best to move forward in working with the Indigenous Commission and the Sons of Norway to address the signage issue.

Jason also informed the commission that the mayor wants to move forward in renaming Lake Park Place. One of the goals is to make space for indigenous art and work sponsored by the Twin Cities program.

Norshor Building

Mary Tennis reported on a meeting about NorShor. One of the most interesting ideas was to commission a piece of art for the NorShor skywalk space. Sandy reported on communications with Christine Seitz who urged DPAC to work with Tony Dierkens (sp?)

Jason urged that it would be important to create parameters for a request for proposals.

The next step would be to identify a budget and parameters for the project. Then a project proposal needs to be submitted using the online form.

Jason recommended the scope and scale of the project be developed.

New Commissioner

Jason submitted information about a possible new commissioner. Commissioners should look at the submitted materials.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:06. The next meeting will be on November 20 at 4:30.