

**Duluth Public Arts Commission**

**MINUTES for Monday, May, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting started at 4:03p.m.

Present: Bret Amundson, Jodi Broadwell, Tammy Clore, Philip Gilpin, Scottie Gardonio, Christina Woods

Absent: Paula Gudmundson, Noah Hobbs, Melissa LaTour, Amanda McElray Hunter

Guest speaker: Da Hee Kim, Duluth Superior Film Festival

Staff Present: Adam Fulton, Eleanor Bacso

- 1. Public Comment
- 2. Welcome New Commissioners

President Woods welcomed new commissioners Tammy Clore and Scottie Gardonio.

**Approval of Minutes**

- 3. April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes by Amundson with a second by Gilpin.

Roll Call

Amundson	Clore	Gilpin	Gardonio	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

**Presentations**

- 4. Duluth Superior Film Festival

Da Hee gave a presentation on the Duluth Superior Film Festival. The Duluth Superior Film Festival is premiere annual event for independent films and film makers that aims to build up a community of independent local and regional filmmakers. The festival’s current goals are to foster a strong filmmaking community and to make the festival more diverse. New this year are awards as well as a pitch competition that will provide microgrants to support filmmakers. The film festival has several new partnerships, community education film classes, categories and vision and mission. Duluth Superior Film Festival is looking for funding support and would like to request 10k for awards and the pitch competition. Commissioners discussed if the film festival screening would qualify as public art. Commissioners decided to table this for the moment and Bacso would follow up with Da Hee.

LaTour joined at 4:24pm.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### **5. Superior Street Subcommittee Update**

Bacso gave an update that the light projection at Wussow's. The community was very excited about the projection, and it was well received. La Tour added that Homegrown attendees came to view the projection as well.

### **6. Maintenance Subcommittee update**

Broadwell shared the Mount Royal library selected artist Sarah Agaton Howes for their art installation. Broadwell also shared that she has about 1k from fountain coins to deposit into DPAC funds. The commission needs to decide what these funds will be used for. Additionally, Broadwell shared that the Siskowet bench by the aquarium has been damaged due salt and weather. The commission will need to decide if it will need to move or if it should be protected by a box cover. This item will be added to the June agenda for discussion. The conservation committee has been working on event planning for the conservation work that will be done this year. The subcommittee is planning 3 public events throughout the summer with the first one potentially beginning at the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial. The subcommittee will be working on setting dates and would like to incorporate music, buttons, magnets, or swag for the events. There was also a discussion on increasing social media for DPAC. Broadwell also asked when the stele from the Equal Justice Initiative will be arriving in Duluth and asked the City to keep the commission up to date. The most recent update is that the stele will be coming to the Minnesota State Capitol and then will arrive in Duluth at a later date.

## **Communications**

### **7. Staff Updates**

Fulton shared with commissioners that citizens have been inquiring about utility box wraps. Fulton inquired if commissioners would be interested in initiating a DPAC utility box wrap program. Commissioners were interested in seeing a program for this. Utility box wraps would be added to the June or July agenda. Staff will recommend a budgetary amount for the program.

## **Discussion Items**

### **8. Creative Watershed Workplan**

Woods shared that section 4.5 does not have any volunteers but this section could potentially be one all commissioners work on. Tammy will join Gilpin in section 4.4. Woods recommends that the creative watershed subcommittee meets again to have a discussion on how they want the work plan to flow.

### **9. Organizational Requests for Funds**

There was a discussion regarding outside organizational requests for funds. Woods would like this process to be transparent as possible. Gilpin suggested DPAC has a form online that organizations can fill out and submit. Clore shared that businesses can register at the Entrepreneur Fund and be included in their database when information is shared out and if DPAC could do something similar. The group decided there needs to be a process and this topic

will come back for the DPAC June agenda. Gilpin will set up a meeting to create a form for organizational fund inquiries.

**Action Items**

10. DPAC contribution to Homegrown 2022 Fundraiser

DPAC did not have quorum to vote on this action item.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Gilpin and a second by Clore. Meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.