

**Duluth Public Arts Commission**

**MINUTES for Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting started at 4:04p.m.

Present: Bret Amundson, Tammy Clore, Amy Demmer, Scottie Gardonio, Philip Gilpin, Melissa LaTour, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods

Absent: Jodi Broadwell, Noah Hobbs

Staff Present: Steven Robertson, Eleanor Bacso

1. Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

2. May 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the May meeting minutes by McElray Hunter with a second from LaTour.

Roll Call

Amundson	Clore	Demmer	Gardonio	Gilpin	LaTour	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

3. June 9, 2021 Special Meeting

Motion to approve the June 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting minutes by Gudmundson with a second from Amundson.

Roll Call

Amundson	Clore	Demmer	Gardonio	Gilpin	LaTour	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

**Discussion Items**

4. Organizational Requests for Funds

Commissioners discussed the overarching requests for funds DPAC has been receiving. Amundson asked commissioners what DPAC's goal and mission are focused on and what our responsibility is to external organizations in our community and that we will need a strategic plan to help with our directive. LaTour wants to ensure accessibility to the form so that

everyone has the same opportunity to apply. Commissioners discussed if there is an item that requires conservation, it should be included in the presentation from the organization of how the piece will be maintained into the future. Gudmundson said it may be worth considering earmarking an amount of dollars to fund some projects and that it would be wise to cap the amount given out each year from projects. Woods it is important to have some sort of timeline structure of when proposals are due. Commissioners discussed transparency with the form and to ensure alignment of it with DPAC's strategic goals. Woods said DPAC could put together an ad-hoc subcommittee to discuss further.

#### 4.a. Previous Requests for Funds

Commissioners discussed that previous requests for outside organizational funds will temporarily be put on hold. Commissioners would like to meet and develop criteria for funding in the coming weeks.

#### 4.b. Fund Request Form

Gilpin shared that no other commissioners were able to attend the meeting to develop the request for funding form. Currently, no funding request form has been made yet. Bacso can create a shared document that commissioners can compile thoughts into in the next few weeks. Commissioners discussed overall expenditure of DPAC's funding and the categories it should be spent on (visual, performing arts, events etc.). Commissioners also discussed fostering partnerships for on-going support with other organizations. Woods would like to have a special meeting to have a further strategic vision session for DPAC. LaTour mentioned for the record that she did not request funds for Homegrown.

#### 5. Creative Watershed Work Plan

This will be added to the special meeting.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### 6. Superior Street Art Walk Subcommittee

There was a special meeting last week and Madweyaashkaa light projection was approved. The next steps are to create a resolution to request to administration to provide some staff time towards a sculpture walk.

#### 7. Conservation Subcommittee

Woods will be meeting with Lon Hovland to follow up for maintenance repairs; there will be two proposals coming forward for approval soon. Also, penny collection from the fountain will be deposited soon. Woods shared there will be a plaque cost out to cover up the current Leif Erickson's plaque is coming along. Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial was cleaned and waxed by Penny Perry.

## **Communications**

### 8. Staff Updates

Bacso gave updates about the bricks in Priley circle and that anticipated date for in-person meetings to be coming up in August. Artist Moira Villiard joined the meeting and gave an overall update on the projection.

### 9. Indigenous Commission

Woods will attend the meeting tonight and said that the Indigenous Commission wants to work collaboratively with Duluth Public Arts Commission.

## **Action Items**

### 10. Siskowet Bench

Commissioners discussed the long term strategies for the Siskowet bench either to remove the bench or to cover it to protect it with the salt. Commissioners decided to cover the bench.

### 11. Utility Box Wrap Program

Bacso shared the utility box wrap program that would beautify the Duluth neighborhoods. This item will put on the July meeting as an action item.

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn.

Gudmundson made the motion to adjourn with a second by Hobbs.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.