

## **Duluth Public Arts Commission**

**AGENDA for Monday, January 22, 2018, 4:30p.m. - 6.00 p.m.**

**LOCATION: City Hall Rm 106A**

In attendance: Mary Tennis, Sandy Johnson, Bob Monahan, Gary Anderson, Sophie Spehar, Rachel Payne

4:45 Call to order, additions to the agenda

### **AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES**

**The following sections were amended to read as follows:**

- Jodi started a proposal and Sandy completed. DPAC voted to submit the proposal. Time frame: We reached out to Christine to let her know it is a process. Christine suggested it would be nice to hang a sign that another project is under commission through DPAC.
- **Pollinator Garden/Statue Donation (Pamela Ree, "South Winds") Leif Erikson Park**  
Mom passed away, and would like the sculpture to go in Leif Erikson Park.  
Jodi mentioned to Mary T. that she would love the sculpture to go in the pollinator garden at Harrison Park. South Winds Sculpture by artist Paul Granlund. DPAC commissioners expressed concern that a nude statue be placed in an appropriate place.

### **OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

- Discussion of the budget cut from \$40,000 to \$15,000. Sandy expressed concern that notification of this cut occurred without input from DPAC.
- Mary and Sandy will make an appointment with the Mayor to discuss DPAC's response to the budget cut, the sensitivity audit, and her ideas about art in the Mayor's Reception Room.

### **PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS**

- South Winds Statue - will not be installed at Harrison Park. The family will pay for transportation and installation costs. The family wants the statue to be installed near water. Parks and Rec is waiting to hear what DPAC recommends. We will use the rubric to assess the advisability of accepting the statue. Mary will distribute the rubric to DPAC members.
- **NorShor Theatre**  
The proposal was submitted. Sandy heard from the city department that handles the skywalk system. DPAC will need to submit the top 3 proposals for approval. Mary will lead the development of the RFQ and RFP.

Sandy proposed that we have a "Coming Soon" sign. Mary said that she would have her designers create a sign that is cheap and vandalism proof.

Mary will find out the cost and if it needs approval from the city to pay for a “Coming soon” sign or banner.

Mary pointed out that we should utilize the subcommittee structure. Sandy will chair a subcommittee that will focus on the NorShor skywalk. Mary Tennis and Bob will serve on the subcommittee.

Mayor’s Reception Room - there are two large landscape oil paintings that the Mayor would like to have replaced with art that more accurately depicts our community. Mary asked for information about the artist and age of the painting.

Jason will be working with the city attorney to address insurance and bonding issues.

Gary reported that he was told that the Duluth Art Institute curator will be meeting with city staff about curating a rotating exhibit in the rotunda.

The question was raised about where the mayoral portraits are being stored.

Leif Erikson statute - Mary reached out to the Indigenous Commission and asked for their input.

Mary reported that Mary Mathews and Rachel Payne will be leaving the Commission.

Disability Mural Project - Peter Spooner contacted Mary about pursuing the Disability Mural project. He will present his ideas at the next meeting.

Mary will look into publishing Joan Hendriks’ book cataloging Duluth public art.

6:00            **Adjourn**

**DPAC Mission Statement** (approved 7.18.2016)

The Duluth Public Arts Commission fosters arts development and advocates for public art and arts events. It advises the City of Duluth on arts-related matters and promotes the positive economic impact the arts has in the community and the region. It also assists the City in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts and Culture Plan. The Duluth Public Arts Commission, in all its endeavors, is committed to inclusivity, collaboration and fairness.