

**Duluth Public Arts Commission**

**MINUTES for Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting started at 4:04pm.

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

Absent: Bret Amundson, Jodi Broadwell, Paula Gudmundson

Staff: Adam Fulton, Eleanor Bacso

1. Public Comment

**Action Items**

2. Utility Box Wrap Program

Fulton shared the utility box wrap program and went over the goals of the program. The utility boxes will be split into the council districts. These wraps would be good for 5-10 years. Staff is recommending move forward with an affirmative vote.

Hobbs makes a motion for the program. Make a motion that we approve the utility wrap program with a second from LaTour.

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

Staff will work with engineering to find locations to bring back to the commission. Scoring for the boxes would be done by a small group of commissioners. An email will go out to commissioners asking who would like to participate on this subcommittee. Commissioners shared a preference for regional artists to respond to the RFP. The goal of the program is to do at least 10 utility boxes.

**Discussion Items**

3. Strategic visioning session/creative watershed plan

LaTour shared a recap of the special meeting. Commissioners brainstormed community partners and stakeholders and which areas of the plan they were related to. Woods shared the quick wins and talked about DPAC's value proposition to stakeholders. The next step in the planning is to put all of the information that as gathered into a strategic document. Commissioners had volunteered to look into some of the quick wins listed and will bring them back to the August DPAC meeting.

#### 4. Organizational requests for funds

DPAC has not gotten far enough in the strategic planning to get to discuss organization requests for funds. Commissioners are looking to have another special strategic meeting session to talk about this specifically.

### **Communications**

#### 5. Staff Updates

Bacso shared updates on the Chief Buffalo Mural project and that a maintenance agreement is being worked upon between Zeitgeist, the City and the artist, Moira Villiard. The African Heritage Visibility mural has had continued conversations between Minnesota Power, the City and Forecast Public Arts. Bacso shared that commissions will begin to meet in person in August.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### 6. Superior Street Art Walk Subcommittee

Hobbs shared that the subcommittee did not meet recently but are planning to meet soon.

#### 7. Conservation Subcommittee

Gudmundson shared that the conservation subcommittee did not meet but are also planning meet shortly.

Woods asked about the artwork on the Martin Trail. Bacso shared there will be updates from Parks about this coming soon in the future. LaTour offered to be the liaison to the Indigenous Commission.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm motion by Hobbs to adjourn with a second by McElray Hunter.