

**Duluth Public Arts Commission**

**MINUTES for Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting started at 4:07pm.

Present: Bret Amundson, Amy Demmer, Paula Gudmundson, Philip Gilpin, Noah Hobbs, Melissa LaTour, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods

Absent: Tammy Clore, Scottie Gardonio, Jodi Broadwell

Staff: Eleanor Bacso, Adam Fulton

- 1. Public Comment
  
- 2. Approval of Minutes

August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve the August Regular Meeting Minutes by Hobbs with a second by LaTour.

**Roll Call**

Amundson	Demmer	Hobbs	Gudmundson	Gilpin	LaTour	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

**Discussion Items**

- 3. Utility Box Art Wrap

Bacso shared the proposed first round of utility box locations and asked commissioners for feedback. The commission generally approved of the new locations. Clore and Bacso will be working on a press release and adding the application and information to the website.

- 4. Creative Watershed Plan Discussion

Commissioners decided to review notes from visioning strategic meeting before the next regular DPAC meeting in November. Commissioners agreed to extend the November agenda meeting to further discuss the strategic vision.

- 5. Mural Discussion

Woods had a conversation with executive director of the Depot regarding temporary rotating murals for BIPOC artists. The murals would need to be done on a certain type of fabric in order to be temporary. The location of the wall available is on the west side of the Depot. The next steps would be to explore the potential program and partnership with the Depot.

Commissioners discussed adding enhanced lighting on the building to make the murals more prominent. Woods will find out more details and the costs involved for this type of initiative. Commissioner Demmer additionally highlighted that DPAC needs to have a process for murals and how to develop a stronger partnership with Parks to create more art within our public spaces.

## **Communications**

### 6. Staff Updates

Bacso shared that Penny Perry's finished the work on the Language of Stone which is located out of the Great Lakes Aquarium. However, Penny reported that were missing pieces of art that were removed from the sculptures. Penny will be working on Green Bear next. Bacso also shared updates on the Chief Buffalo mural at Gichi Ode' Akiing. McElray Hunter shared that she helped to help prime walls for the paint and it is open for volunteers.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### 7. Superior Street Art Walk Subcommittee

Hobbs shared that the Superior Street Subcommittee group will be meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> and will be continuing to explore the light projection festival (potentially in January/February) as well as the resolution for Superior Street Art Walk.

### 8. Conservation Subcommittee

Conservation subcommittee has not met recently but will be reconvening on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm with a motion by Hobbs and a second by McElray Hunter.