

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES For October 18th, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting started at 4:02pm

Present: Tammy Clore, Amy Demmer, Noah Hobbs, Philip Gilpin, Scottie Gardonio, Paula Gudmundson, Christina Woods

Absent: Bret Amundson, Melissa LaTour, Amanda McElray Hunter

Guests: Kristi Stokes, Paul LaJeunesse

Staff: Eleanor Bacso, Steven Robertson

Call to order and Roll Call

1. Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

2. September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

Minutes were not approved.

Discussion items

3. Duluth Street Art Initiative Project Presentation

Stokes and LaJeunesse shared the history of the Duluth Street Art Initiative. They started out as a small group of volunteers and focused on areas of concern in the downtown. They began with dumpster artwork and worked their way to doing the artwork within the alley behind North Shore Bank. The group worked with building owners regarding their concerns about the blight, quality of life issues and wanted to liven up the area with something positive. The project was a great success and showcased how the Duluth Street Art Initiative could work with property owners, artists and volunteers. There were about 80 volunteers who helped paint and represented different groups such as business owners and UDAC and individuals. The paint for the project was exterior grade paint. The Duluth Street Art Initiative would like to partner with existing groups on event based, creative art in order to maximize resources. Much of this project with done

with a lot of in-kind support and they hope to move to another alley next year and collaborate with others and seek funding support. The estimated cost for the alley was about \$25,000.

Communications

4. Staff Updates

Bacso shared that Penny Perry has been doing conservation work and has finished a few bronze statues that the conservation committee has requested to be done this year.

Subcommittee Report

5. Superior Street Art Walk subcommittee

Hobbs shared that the subcommittee is working on figuring out a location which will likely be in the Lincoln Park neighborhood for a light festival in February. Hobbs talked about the other ideas of the group such as 3D chalk art.

6. Conservation Subcommittee

Gudmundson and Woods shared updates from the conservation subcommittee. The group discussed the bench by the Great Lakes Aquarium and the larger DPAC group if it would be moved or should be covered. The group also will be meeting one last time in November and then will reconvene in February to begin discussions on the repair and maintenance budget.

The commission agreed that the conservation committee should move forward with covering the bench.

Hobbs made a motion to delegate the negotiating authority to the conservation committee not to exceed \$7,500 for the bench covering. Second by Gudmundson.

Clore	Demmer	Hobbs	Gilpin	Gardonio	Gudmundson	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Woods provided an update about Stenen and that the sculpture would need to be lifted to make repairs according to Lon Hovland. Hovland believes the art is unrepairable.

Adjournment

Motion by Hobbs to adjourn with a second by Gudmundson. Meeting adjourned at 4:54pm.