

# Duluth Public Arts Commission

## MINUTES for 2/21/23

### Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting started at 4:07PM

Commissioners: Scottie Gardonio, Carly Jandl, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods, Tammy Clore, Paula Gudmundson, Shari Marshik, Lee Cutler, Wes Drummond, Amy Demmer

Present: Scottie Gardonio, Carly Jandl, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods, Tammy Clore, Paula Gudmundson, Shari Marshik, Lee Cutler

Absent: Wes Drummond, Amy Demmer

Staff: Emily Nygren

- Public Comment

### Approval of Minutes

- January Regular Meeting Minutes

One change on the Minutes from Christina. Vote, saying abstained, under election of officers. Voted in favor rather than abstained. Shari Marshack made a motion to approve January meeting minutes with a second by Lee Cutler.

Drummond	Gardonio	Jandl	Hallsten Erickson	McElray Hunter	Woods	Demmer	Clore	Marshik	Gudmundson	Cutler
N/A	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X

### Discussion Items

- Utility box wraps

Email from Tricia on February 1<sup>st</sup> regarding the application and the locations of the current wraps. Feedback was solicited. Clarify who decides which boxes get covered at the City, Parks or other Department with the City.

- Commission Authority
  - Moved to next meeting to review and compare with bylaws. If there are discussion items can be brought up at a future meeting.
  
- Indigenous Commission Updates
  - No new updates. Looking to get signage in Anishinaabe language throughout City Hall. That group is looking for new memberships, and this is led by them.
  
- Conservation Committee
  - RFQ: The committee will come up with the RFQ and then present at this committee.
  - Discussion of a new Penny Perry, and looking to have someone who could do the conservatorship of bronze statues.
  - Outdoor Art Inventory: Packet Commissioners received. With information on care things and identity of artists instead of just the year and a short bio. The estimated costs would be around (up to) \$20,000 or thereabouts. Not looking to include in the budget currently, but would include for approval at the time the Commission would like to move forward this project. Hoping that Peter Spooner would be the consultant, or be available with the consultant. They will continue to do work and then come back to the group for approval.
  - Stenan: Needs a weekly check on safety issues. Question for Staff: Who checks this?
  - North Shore Streams DECC: There is no way to fix this piece, it is gradually falling apart. Not dangerous, just degrading. The artist would like to just take it down and move forward. Question for Staff: What do we need to do to take this down? What are the decommissioning steps? What is the disposal plan? The Commission group will talk with the artist about steps to take it down.

- Bench: Penny Perry identified that this bench needed to be fixed due to the damage. This was approved in the past by the Commission but wasn't added to the budget. Was approved up to \$5k, but likely would cost significantly less. This will need to be added to our budget just in case. Tricia will take care of ordering the vinyl cover.

### **Other Discussion:**

- Performing Arts:
  - DPAC and the performing arts. What has DPAC done in the past? Could we add this to an agenda item. Discussion on pros and cons of a big or small group brainstorm on what we can do for Performing Arts. Potential for everyone to bring 3 ideas that DPAC could do.
  - Busking License: We could get some data from when people apply for their permit on where people would be interested.
  - Brainstorm of Support for Performing Arts:
    - UMD Spoken word in MN Plaza Area
    - Performance downtown and utilizing corner "bump outs"
    - In less public spaces, like park areas
    - Busking on the bus or Transit Center
    - Trail system (every 5 miles)
    - A 10k "Art Walk/Run" (or 5k)
    - Lakewalk Performative Festival
    - Also, outreach to farther areas of town e.g. Brighton Beach
    - Powwow (used to be an event every year) and could be another collaboration with the Indigenous Commission (could be on the other side of Pier B). Otherwise could be a Round Dance.
    - Opportunity to Sponsor: Season Splash series at Wade Stadium (Loon Opera, Playhouse, Wise Fool, and included the Youth Choir etc.) Commissioner Marshik will take this on.
    - Improv in Downtown or Canal Park to bring people in the audience into the show.
    - Spray train cars with Graffiti. Christina: DAA had permission to spray certain cars and pay artists for their time for professional Graffiti. Spray Paint Lake Superior Zoo and Spirit Mountain.

- Concert Series at the Zoo outdoor by the tiger enclosure. Or, a free Concert Series like Chester Bowl out west.
- Outdoor Stages to Use: Question for Staff: Status of the Lincoln Park Amphitheater and park for timing for future use? What are some other places way out West.
- Chambers Grove Park would be a great opportunity for reaching out West.
- Question for Staff: Can we sponsor and what are the rules around this?

Discussion of adding to the next meeting and recommend that we form an Ad Hoc Committee to research costs and research on scheduling. Will need to think about any performers needing contracts and what the rules are around this. This group would serve in the project management role.

This was put under the prevue of the Performance and Festivals Subcommittee. Lee Cutler is to join this Subcommittee. It will not have more than 6 participants, therefore not going beyond quorum for public meeting laws.

### Action Items

- 2023 budget
  - \$5,000 increase to the budget to reflect the bench cover. Discussion led by Woods of adding \$5,000 that was approved previously to fix the bench. Required to spend the tourism tax of \$50k and show an effort to spend the rest.
  - Motion by Cutler to increase the budget by \$5,000. Seconded by McElray Hunter. Motion passed unanimously.

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N/A	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	X	X	X	X

- Staff Action: Would like a binder together of all items (bylaws, orientation packet, budget etc.) Woods is putting this together for Tricia to put in as packets.

## **Communications**

- Staff Updates

Minnesota Power Update: No updates at this time.

See Tricia's note on File Sharing and storage updates.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

- Deaccessioning Subcommittee:
  - a. No current updates waiting on the city.
- Conservation Subcommittee:
  - a. Covered in the previous meetings.
- Performance and Festival Committee:
  - a. Lightshow was a success and well attended. Could be a good place for performance art. This project had the best media coverage per the artist. The artist is thinking of putting together a permanent location for this every year. Discussion of the opportunity of using the Depot wall facing 35. The side with the Depot sign. Other ideas would be on the Silos at Pier B. Could do these at multiple places across Duluth. This show could be done again other places and times.
  - b. Note: The Light Festival went up to the flex funded budget of \$10,000 and was spent completely.
  - c. Next Steps:
    - i. Woods will ask the Depot on the use of that side of the wall, and potential highway safety conflicts.
    - ii. Investigate the costs for the artist when the art has been previously "commissioned."

## Upcoming Agenda Items

- Add to March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting:
  - a. Performance Arts Brainstorm: Specifically, under the Performance Arts & Festival Subcommittee as a line item.
  - b. Public Partnership Discussion
  - c. Discuss Duluth Watershed Plan: Specifically, an overview of the strategic plan for DPAC and the four main outcomes. Commissioners should come prepared with those reviewed and familiar with the action items (4 items) at the next meeting. At the next meeting, the goal is to decide what to do with the document and assign next steps. Potential to split into groups at the next meeting to review.
  - d. Invitation to Duluth Armory

Staff Request: Continuing to add subitems under the committees so the group can continue to remember them (e.g. the Performance Arts Brainstorm/Update).

## **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Cutler, second by Marshik. The meeting adjourned at 5:29pm.