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**SUBJECT: Duluth Public Arts Commission Seeks Artist for 1% for the Arts Project at Spirit Mountain**

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## **Duluth Public Arts Commission Seeks Artist for 1% for the Arts Project at Spirit Mountain**

On behalf of the City of Duluth, the Duluth Public Arts Commission is soliciting qualifications for a 1% for the Arts public art commission at the Spirit Mountain Grand Chalet, Duluth MN. The attachments include the RFQ, photos of the location and architectural drawings of the location.

The Duluth Public Arts Commission was formed by the Duluth Mayor and the City Council in 1986.

### **Duluth Public Art Commission Mission Statement**

To support Public Art as a community investment by preserving and promoting art in public places, and to support public art activities that benefit the citizens of Duluth; to encourage partnerships that further the awareness of beauty in our community and to support our City's environment through public art.

### **One Percent for the Arts Program**

A community arts set-aside of one-percent of the cost of new building construction projects in excess of five thousand dollars funded by the City funds was established by ordinances. The City also makes every effort to secure one-percent of the overall cost of major public and private development for the benefit of the arts. Evidence from other communities shows that people are drawn to those communities that foster civic pride and maximize their resources by focusing on a perceivable sense of place—places that enhance qualities of livability. In this way, place making and public art strategies lead naturally to growth of community engagement and heightened vitality in areas where people congregate.

### **Spirit Mountain Grand Chalet**

The ski area was founded by The City of Duluth and was built in 1974. With a vertical elevation of approximately 700 feet, it is the second tallest ski hill in Minnesota. In addition to skiing,

Spirit Mountain has opened up the lifts for downhill mountain biking in the off-season. With professionally designed flow trails, Duluth now has the only true downhill lift access biking in the Midwest. They added the only Midwest alpine coaster too, and a Zipline. In addition to the adventure opportunities it now offers, Spirit Mountain has a rich history of indigenous people and early pioneers. Constructed in 2013, the Grand Chalet at the base of Spirit Mountain includes a year-round restaurant known as the *Riverside Bar & Grill*, the location for this 1% for the Arts.

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