

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, September 18, 2017, 4:30 at Duluth City Hall, Room 106A.

Present: Rachel Payne, Mary Tennis, Ashley Kolka, Jason Hale, Mary Mathews, Melissa LaTour. Gary Anderson, Sophie Spehar, Sandy Johnson

Called to order, 4:37 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes from the August meeting were amended and approved.

Financial Report

Jason shared the most recent financial report.

Creative Watershed Subcommittee

The next meeting is October 4 in City Hall Rm. 106A. The three priorities for the subcommittee are:

- 1) Organize and facilitate the 2018 Summit.
- 2) Explore the kinetic bike race as a way to impact Art on the trails and in the park. The focus will be on renaming Lake Place Park and emphasizing the “connectivity” priority.
- 3) Emphasize equity and social justice issues with a focus on Lake Place Park..

Other priorities will be addressed by DPAC as a whole:

- 1) Our Town grant
- 2) Accountability measures
- 3) Cultivating partnerships
- 4) NorShor support
- 5) Recontextualization of public art to reflect accurate historical context. Gary will talk to Phil Jentz and the mayor regarding this issue.

Conservation and Maintenance Procedure

Motion:

DPAC, in an effort to proceed with due diligence as part of our ongoing conservation and maintenance initiatives, and as a demonstration of our commitment to inclusivity, collaboration and fairness, will assess plaques, signage and interpretive language related to our public art to make sure it is historically accurate.

Motion passed.

Proposal for New Commission Structure

Mary Tennis will continue to flesh out the commission structure/ work plan proposal submitted by Ashley Kolka, using the strategic tasks on p. 65 of the Creative Watershed plan as the structure.

Conservation and Maintenance

Kristin Cheronis will be working on conservation and maintenance of the Fountain of the Wind, Arising, Leif Erickson and Jay Cooke sculptures in mid-October. Jason asked that Kristin and Penny Perry be reminded that they have to submit invoices before the work begins.

Norshor Theatre

Sandy Johnson reported on her meeting with Christine Seitz regarding ways to support the development of the Norshor. Sandy shared video of her tour. There was discussion about maintaining an up-to-date calendar in the "Lights on Duluth" space. It was suggested that Paul Lundgren and Tony Bennet at Perfect Duluth Day, and/or Adam Guggemos at Transistor be contacted about this. There was also discussion about ways to display art in the skywalk and "Lights on Duluth" space.

Possible resources and partners, including Duluth Preservation Alliance and the St. Louis Historical Society were suggested. Many of these resources are listed in the plan.

New Business

Jason informed the commission that there is a vacancy on the commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

The next meeting is October 23.