

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, September 17, 2018, 4:30-6:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall, Room 106A

Present: Sandy Johnson, Jodi Broadwell, Mary Gummerson, Ashley Kolka, Jason Hale (staff)

Absent: Mary Tennis, Bob Monahan, Paul LaJeunesse, Melissa LaTour

Guests: Heidi Bakk-Hansen

Call to Order, and Changes/Additions to the Agenda:

- Sandy called the meeting to order at 4:39 pm. Because of guest, Heidi Bakk-Hansen, members introduced themselves. Jason added a conservation/maintenance discussion to the financial report section.

Review, Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- Mary G. moved to approve August meeting minutes, Jodi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Financial Report:

- Jason informed the group that the upcoming Carter Hotel demolition next to the Clayton, Jackson, and McGhee memorial may lead to additional expenses out of DPAC's conservation and maintenance budget.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

National Memorial for Peace and Justice:

- Guest Heidi Bakk-Hansen led a discussion about retrieving and installing St. Louis County's racial terror lynching monument in Duluth. Potential locations and maintenance needs were discussed. There was general consensus around supporting this project, but more community-wide discussions are needed before a location is formally recommended.

NorShor Theatre Mural:

- Sandy led a discussion about this project's progress. At the time of the meeting, Jason reported that DPAC had received one response to its RFQ. The benefits and drawbacks of extending the RFQ deadline were discussed, as were some new regulatory concerns voiced by Christine Seitz of the Duluth Playhouse. A consensus decision was made to not extend to RFQ deadline at this time.

DAI/Mayor's Reception Room/City Hall Rotunda:

- Jason and Jodi led a discussion about the status of the City's partnership with the Duluth Art Institute. Concerns were expressed about the professionalism of the current installation in the City Hall Rotunda. Jason volunteered to get in touch

with Christina Woods of the DAI about more clearly labelling the work in the current City Hall Rotunda exhibit.

Meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.