

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, January 28, 2019, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall Rm 106A

Present: Mary Tennis, Sandy Johnson (left at approximately 5:15), Jodi Broadwell, Ashley Kolka, Kelli Latuska, Jason Hale (staff)

Absent: Melissa LaTour

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

- Mary called the meeting to order at 4:45. Because of addition of new commissioner, Kelli Latuska, members introduced themselves. Sandy asked to add a discussion of Imagine Duluth to the agenda, but that discussion didn't end up taking place in this meeting.

Review, Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- After discussion of edits to 12.3.18 meeting minutes, Sandy moved to approve, Ashley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

Financial Report:

- Jason reported no changes and a budget of approximately \$168,000. He also introduced a discussion of DPAC's stewardship of coins retrieved from the fountain underneath 5th Ave East between the Radisson and Maurices Corporate buildings. Jason said he would try to find out more information about the origin and nature of DPAC's relationship with this and possibly other local fountains.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

NorShor Update

- Sandy and Jason facilitated a brief discussion of next steps for the NorShor mural project, now that the selected artist, Sue Martinson, has been notified of the commission. During the proposal review process, some small but significant changes to the design were discussed, so it is important that we be in communication with the artist as work commences. Jason reminded the group that the artist won't begin working until spring. Jason stated he would bring Sue's sketch to the next meeting for discussion.

CJM Memorial Update

- Jodi provided an update on the Carter Hotel demolition, which is occurring in close proximity to the CJM Memorial. Jodi reported that the Fond du Lac Band has been proceeding respectfully and responsibly with respect to the memorial. She shared copies of the protection plan in place, as well as a pre-demolition survey of the memorial to identify pre-existing condition issues. She reported that a post-demolition survey will be done to identify any condition changes.

Mayor's Reception, Rotunda Update

- Jason reported that he has been in touch with Amy Varsek of the Duluth Art Institute about rotating the work in mayor's reception room and city hall rotunda, and that that the commission will likely have a proposal from her at our regular February meeting.

Maintenance for 2019

- There was some discussion of trying to get an earlier start with maintenance activities for 2019. Jodi reported that Sophie and Laurel are interested in staying involved with the maintenance committee. Ashley agreed to connect with committee members to organize a meeting.

ART+CULTURE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

What's Next for 2019?

- Mary facilitated an informal discussion of what DPAC's priorities should be in 2019. There was discussion of the renovated Superior Street bump-outs, the strategic goals of the Art+Culture plan, connections with the health/wellness sector, social media strategy, and the commission's need to rebuild its capacity by recruiting more members. It was decided that we should schedule a special meeting on February 11 to discuss these issues further.

Confirm next meeting dates: **February 11th, 2019** and **February 25th, 2019**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

DPAC Mission Statement (approved 7.18.2016)

The Duluth Public Arts Commission fosters arts development and advocates for public art and arts events. It advises the City of Duluth on arts-related matters and promotes the positive economic impact the arts has in the community and the region. It also assists the City in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts and Culture Plan. The Duluth Public Arts Commission, in all its endeavors, is committed to inclusivity, collaboration and fairness.