

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, May 20, 2019 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall Mayor's Reception Room

Present: Mary Tennis, Ashley Kolka-Lee, Melissa La Tour, Jason Hale (staff)

Absent: Sandy Johnson, Jodi Broadwell, Kelli Latuska

4:30 Call to order, changes/additions to the agenda Mary

Meeting was called to order at 4:38 p.m.

4:40 Review, approval of meeting minutes

We were unable to pass minutes. We did not have a quorum.

OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

- Financial report Jason

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- So Much More: from me to you Drew Anderson

Drew gave a short background on who he is. He shared two works. One showed a team using art as an illumination in alley ways. The other a projection of homeless people under I-35. Proposal: Held - Prototype presentation was using Drew's, Jason's and Melissa's hands connected to light bulbs and brighten/steady the bulbs with added hands. No set timeline as of yet. Drew is still doing research with an electrical engineer at UMD.

Mary and Ashley shared the opportunity with bump-outs along Superior Street where we are looking to place semi-permanent art. Bus stops share crowds that could engage together in new ways with an installation like this. Mary shared that we would put the call out for bump-outs and then Drew could apply. We would be able to partner with adjacent partner to help give this the nudge.

Going forward: Mary suggested to get a full foundation of cost and timeline. Then come to us with a proposal. This is exciting and appeals to the commission in an engaging way. Jason shared to get a concrete idea of public or private space and what it takes to get this going before reaching out to the specific city or private property owners.

- Memorial Piece (Lakewalk Benches) Ashley/Jodi

The memorial benches were damaged from nature and some are being removed due to reconstructed paths on the Lakewalk. We want to acknowledge the memorials from the lost benches. We opened the dialogue around how to incorporate the memorial plaques or names to still show representation on the Lakewalk. There are approximately 40 names. Jason will look into the next step.

- NorShor Update/Changes Mary, Commission

Jason will ask the mural artist to reverse the positioning of the Nutcracker.

- Imagine Duluth/Superior Street Jodi, Mary, Ashley

We want a mixture of mediums with a designation to the affect. Having other spaces for temporary (years) placement on loan from the artists. There are similar projects in Chicago and Bemidji. This could be budget-friendly with artists getting exposure.

Getting together with Jenn Moses and look at each designated space to see if there are traffic concerns or snow plow concerns as well as other factors, focusing on the completed sections of Superior Street as a starting point.

A statewide artist call or regional call could keep this project within budget and with low transportation obstacles. There are approximately 12-13 bump-outs.

Jason will schedule something with Jenn Moses to discuss the variety of artistic ideas for the bump-outs. DPAC needs to come up with a plan for these. Jason will ask some of the property folks for some insight.

- Leif Erikson Jodi, Mary

Jason got notified about the form Mary sent about the wrap for the base of the Leif Erikson statue. Mary and Jodi met with Laurel. Laurel has been talking to folks at the Nordic Center. The Nordic Center invited us to a board meeting. We will present what we are thinking. An idea is to have an asterisk on the verbiage in very simple language.

- Airport Jodi

- Conservation

REVIEW, APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mary

Name moved to approve March 2019 minutes with minor corrections, Name seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ART+CULTURE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Social Media Jodi/ Commission
- Other Business

Ecolibrium3 Solar Garden

Jodi Slick

40 watt solar garden proposal. Jodi presented a handout depicting the vision. Currently working with an engineer to be sure the elements are right. Thinking a semi-permanent install where the panels could later be added art to another building (DTA building was mentioned) in the future. Mary will add the Solar Garden to our next agenda. In the future they are looking iat turning Lincoln Park into a Science Museum zone.

Confirm next meeting date: **June 17, 2019**

6:00 **Adjourn**

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.