

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for June 27th, 2022

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting started at 4:03pm.

Present: Wes Drummond, Scottie Gardonio, Carly Jandl, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods

Absent: Amy Demmer, Philip Gilpin, Tammy Clore, Paula Gudmundson

Staff: Eleanor Bacso, Tricia Hobbs

1. Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

2. March 21st, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

McElray Hunter made a motion to approve March meeting minutes with a second by Gardonio.

Drummond	Gardonio	Jandl	Hallsten Erickson	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Discussion Items

3. Bylaws Update

This will be added to the next agenda and will be placed as an action item to vote in September.

4. Arts Social Event

Gilpin was not in attendance to discuss the arts social event with the commission.

Action Items

5. Utility Box Wrap Submissions

Woods overviewed the utility box program with the commission. Woods made a motion to approval proposal by Aya Kawaguchi and three proposals by the Duluth Art Institute with a second by Gardonio.

Drummond	Gardonio	Jandl	Hallsten Erickson	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

6. Duluth International Rotation Exhibition Submission

The commission reviewed Jamey Penney Ritter's application. Hallsten Erickson made a motion to accept the proposal by Jamey Penny Ritter with a second by McElray Hunter.

Drummond	Gardonio	Jandl	Hallsten Erickson	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Abstain	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Woods stated she would like to discuss the budget at the next meeting. The commission discussed non-traditional art such as music, performance and festivals.

7. Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial Conservation Work

McElray Hunter met with Carla Stetson about the repairs for the memorial. Stetson shared that there needs to be major cleaning and some of the words need to be re-chiseled. A group named ArtStone in New Ulm could potentially fix the wording. Additionally there are two pieces of graffiti and caulking work that needs to be done. Lastly, there was supposed to be Indigenous plantings in the area but this never came to fruition.

Gardonio made a motion to accept the proposals from Bob's Sparkle Wash and Penny Perry for conservation work with a second by Jandl.

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Communications

8. Staff Updates

New commissioners Jandl and Drummond introduced themselves to the commission. Bacso shared a MNDOT update regarding highway 53. Woods would like DPAC to be involved in planning and transportation work. Senior Transportation planner, James Gittemeier will be requested to come to the next DPAC meeting in July.

Subcommittee Reports

9. Superior Street Art Walk Subcommittee

Gardonio shared the subcommittee has no updates. There was a discussion that there should be an RFP for light projections in December and that the next subcommittee meeting should be set for August. Woods shared that DPAC could apply to Forecast Public Arts for funding. Hallsten Erickson discussed involving kid’s art in the light projections. Additional discussion was surrounding a Fire & Ice festival and to re-connect with the Greater Downtown Council.

Hallsten Erickson and Jandl joined the Superior Street Subcommittee.

10. Conservation Subcommittee

Woods stated that the conservation committee did quite a bit of work with the bronze sculptures that needed to be waxed. Woods detailed that Stenen was beyond repair but currently stable and that there is no way to fix the granite.

A doodle poll for the deaccessioning committee will be sent out and will include the AMA document that was previously shared out.

Hallsten Erickson is joining the subcommittee.

11. Performance and Festival Committee

The Superior Street subcommittee is currently being put on hold and this new subcommittee of performance and festival is being added. Jandl and Hallsten Erickson will be joining this subcommittee.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Amanda, second by Hallsten Erickson. The meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.