

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for 11/21/22

Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting started at 4:05pm

Commissioners: Wes Drummond, Scottie Gardonio, Carly Jandl, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods, Amy Demmer, Tammy Clore, Paula Gudmundson

Present: Carly Jandl, Amanda Christina Woods, Amy Demmer, Tammy Clore, Paula Gudmundson

Absent: Wes Drummond, Scottie Gardonio, Kelli Hallsten Erickson

Staff: Emily Nygren

1. Public Comment

Approval of Minutes

2. October Regular Meeting Minutes
Gudmundson motion to approve minutes. Second by Demmer.
Unanimously approved. No abstentions.

Drummond	Gardonio	Jandl	Hallsten Erickson	McElray Hunter	Woods	Demmer	Clore	Gudmundson
		X			X	X	X	X

Discussion Items

Moved to December agenda:

1. Attorney joining to overview of the bylaws.
 - a. James Gittemeier joining the January meeting.
 - b. Question: Will Eleanor and Tricia participate on the December meeting?
2. Budget Items.

- a. Question: Find previous budget document and how funding was allocated for December.

Follow-up on Cold Front and Light Festival Alignment? Moved to

Any indigenous commission items that were actioned on? No.

Action Items

Alexa Carson has submitted a proposal for a Utility Box wrap. Paints watercolor of animals. Sent a piece for installation. Discussion on the symbolism of the finch in the Ojibwe language.

Motion to approve: Jandl

Second: Gudmundson.

Unanimously approved.

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STAFF FOLLOW-UP: Woods can assist if the artist needs help finding or working with the vinyl vendor. Discussion of the next 50-degree day for installation. Will Tricia/Eleanor provide communication to Alexa regarding need for warmer day to install etc.?

Communications

- 3. Staff Updates – Reserved for next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

- 1. Festivals and Performances

Cold Front at the DECC:

Discussion: Desire for the light display projected at the DECC during the event. Either on Lake side or Highway side.

Demmer: Zeitgeist has been talking about Cold Front is same day as Transportation Equity day, and goal of making Cold Front more accessible. However, Bayfront is the closest transit stop and it is a few blocks away (or Canal, but still need to cross over highway). Light projected on the Highway side could be a way for the light display to welcome people in.

Tammy and Carly will work together to coordinate outreach to the DECC on remaining questions:

- How long would the display be up?

Cold Front goes until 6pm, and sunset is at 5:15pm.

- Does the DECC require money for this?
- Discussion on which side the light should be projected:
 - Opportunity to have it on the Highway side could have more people viewing
 - Discussion: Any requirements on the size of projection, what type of generator etc.?
- Who is paying for the van to run the projection?
 - Woods: There is a grant through Minnesota Power to fill out if we want apply for up to \$5k.

REQUEST: Going forward at these meetings can we have the budget in front of us each month?

Discussion on using the wall on the Electric Fetus wall for display in the future. Desire to have the light display at this site in the future as it is more accessible and better for activating the downtown.

Carly will contact Eleanor to get in touch with MN Power in order to get on board with this.

Suggestion on doing both (projection at the DECC as well as the Electric Fetus wall), and having two vans.

Are there other events happening at the same time? If so, discussion on an opportunity to go around and walk through to multiple events.

2. Conservation Subcommittee

File Included in packet. This is a record of all the pieces owned by the Public Arts Commission.

STAFF REQUEST – Send as a standalone PDF sent out independently, instead of having the agenda stuck on at the beginning.

Future Meeting Item: Desire for strategic conversations about where we want to go... “What percentage of these artists are BIPOC? Other areas of diversity?” This document has potential for use towards that.

3. Deaccessioning Subcommittee

Scheduling for a meeting Monday, November 28th. One piece at the DECC that needs to be removed and repaired.

ADD TO NEXT AGENDA:

Discussion of repairs schedule.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Demmer, second by Jandl. The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

Next Meeting: Add to agenda someone from Attorney's office to discuss bylaws.
Everyone could make the December meeting.

Discussion Items:

Add a new discussion item for every meeting RE Indigenous Signage.

Discussion: Are the budget items planning for 2023 or discussion of tourism tax?
Staff will send last year's budget as well as historical documents on the budget.

Submitted a budget with the Tourism Tax request with the different buckets they would like to have included. They want this included in budget discussion.