

Duluth Arts Commission

MINUTES for **Monday, August 17, 2015**, 4:30 p.m. in Duluth City Hall Rm 106A

Present: Joan Henrik, Mary Mathews, Rachel Payne, Sophie Spehar, Peter Spooner, Jessica Tillman

Excused Absences: Jodi Broadwell, Chuck Campbell, Laurel Sanders, Mary Tennis

Unexcused Absences:

- Joan to provide July meeting minutes via email
- Jessica to provide updated financial statement via email
- Peter has contacted Penny Perry re conservation proposal
 - Penny indicated her intent to submit a cleaning/conservation proposal to the city stating her recommendations for next maintenance priorities and a cost proposal
- Pete Dingels has resigned from the DPAC, Jessica to follow up on an appointment

Old Business

- MN Citizens for the Arts Review—plan and timing in October for releasing report
 - o DPAC to plan event for October
 - o Ideas include coordinating with Council presentation; use of peace lanterns; outdoors near the water, below Lake Place Park
 - o Proposed \$400~ expenditure (not including cost of supplies) to hire Rachael Kilgour as organizer for launch event
- Duluth Arts & Culture Plan—update
 - o We are getting close to discussing contract deliverables with Forecast/CCB and how to proceed with any recommended work remaining beyond contract fulfillment
- Website, FB page
 - o Jessica to follow up with Mary T
- Public art requests
 - o Traffic control box art idea
 - DPAC recommends directing Jaden (UMD Art Student) to filing a proposal form for starters, Peter will serve as Jaden's POC on the commission
 - Jessica to connect Jaden, Peter, Chuck
 - o Great Lakes Aquarium
 - o Disability Mural Project Duluth, a proposed permanent installation at the new DTA MultiModal Transportation Center.
 - Arrangements are ongoing for a rotating exhibit of artist-designed Masonite panels
 - Peter is currently serving as a liaison on this project, which primarily involves the DTA and Bridget Riversmith of the Disability Mural Project Duluth at this time
- Mayoral Portraits
 - o Wall cleaning and rotunda refresh work is well underway, Tari Rayala is lead on that contract
 - Jessica will follow up on timeline of this work to coordinate the rest of planning of the city hall grand re-opening
 - o unveiling of new display/grand re-opening of refreshed city hall rotunda, Jessica seeking DPAC's thoughts and guidance on this front
 - DPAC interested in dynamic rotating local art exhibit space in city hall rotunda
 - o Other
 - At September meeting, Joan will share her book concept

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- Jessica brought info that NEA's Creative Placemaking Our Town grant application process is open for the next round – proposals due by Sept 21—and invited discussion of this grant in the context of the St. Louis River Corridor public art opportunities
 - o DPAC agreed the timeline of the *next* round of Our Town grant applications would be more realistic.
 - o Jessica will provide basic research on the submittal process to generate discussion for a potential next round submission.

Other Business

- **Next meeting: Monday, September 21, 2015 at 4:30 in room 106A of Duluth City Hall**