

Duluth Public Arts Commission

AGENDA for Monday, December 18, 2017, 4:30p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Rm 106A

In attendance: Mary Tennis, Sandy Johnson, Ashley Kolka, Bob Monahan, Jason Hale, Melissa La Tour, Gary Anderson, Laurel Sanders

4:05 Call to order, additions to the agenda

AMENDMENTS TO MINUTES

- Sandy at NorShor: TKDA Dimensions of walls in skywalk 64 ft. 5 in. length and height varies 8 to 9 ft. TKDA Suggests dimensions be verified.
 - Split between sheets 4x8 as estimated by ShelDon.
 - Sandy made a motion to pass minutes with this amendment. Bob seconded.
Minutes passed.

OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

- Financial report
 - From Gary: DPAC will have \$15,000 in their 2018 budget. Budget was previously \$40,000. There is over \$100,000 in our account for DPAC's expenditure.
 - From Jason: DPAC funding from tourism fund - we should find more money for flexibility. The Mayor feels that the money given to DPAC's budget should not come from tourism.

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- **Liz Johnson from ALAMN/Rotunda Project**

Guests Liz and Deb share a proposal about an installation for City Hall's rotunda and beyond. Socially engaged youth tell stories and share videos of how tobacco has affected their lives. Currently available are 10 installation pieces combined with other art pieces. There are two parts of this project - who the artist is, and what their story is. Videos are 3-4 minutes in length, free, and available to throw up. BlueCross BlueShield would probably help cover some costs. DPAC would pay nothing. Exhibit could bring many people to City Hall. Time frame: Ideally January.

Questions from Jason: Who would do the hanging? Bonding & Insurance?
From Liz: The exhibit is meant to be used and reproduced. The object is to get tobacco companies to stop using fruit and candy type advertising for their menthol products.

DPAC discussed possibly adding this to our January agenda after the bill in question is decided on. DPAC cannot serve to lobby. Our interest is to represent art in everyone's best interest, to create a celebration after the bill passes. Mechanisms not in place design opportunity. Time limit open for length of exhibit.

Mary T's thoughts: Curation - DPAC would choose the pieces through a mini-advisory committee using our approval process. Mary suggests pulling out our rubric. Liz and Deb would love to execute by February 22nd to celebrate in March, ideally. Gary shared and reminded all of us that the bill passing is not a guarantee. Liz and Deb feel the bill will pass.

Due to Ashley's position with ARAC, she will abstain from voting on this project.
From Ashley: Liability situation. Hanging situation. View and pick/curate. Concern around political subject. What if the bill doesn't pass? What is the city's perspective? Is insurance or a license agreement needed? If the bill doesn't pass, we could still consider the exhibit for November, which would fit the theme of the month.

Other suggestions: libraries, schools

In the long-term, what precedent are we setting? Will this anger people?

Jason commented that this is a pretty tame precedent. Bob agreed.

- **Pollinator Garden/Statue Donation (Pamela Ree, "South Winds") Leif Erikson Park**

Mom passed away, and would like the sculpture to go in Leif Erikson Park.

Jodi mentioned to Mary T. that she would love the sculpture to go in the pollinator garden at Harrison Park.

South Winds Sculpture by artist Paul Granlund

From Jason: City and Parks not in the habit to accept infrastructure unless DPAC encourages us to do this. We would be responsible to clean and maintain.

Jodi has a grant to put toward the garden from the state to beautify the park.

- **NorShor Theatre**

Jodi started a proposal. Time frame: We reached out to Christine to let her know it is a process. Christine suggested it would be nice to hang a sign that another project is under commission through DPAC.

Bob and Sandy visited some area businesses. The businesses had positive feedback about this project. Need RFP to know what to ask for. Project may or may not require a permit.

Other Business

- **New members**

As a committee of the whole, we voted to accept Paul Lajeunesse as a DPAC member.

6:22

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.