

Duluth Public Arts Commission

AGENDA for Monday, June 18 2018, 4:30p.m. - 6.00 p.m.

LOCATION: City Hall Rm 106A

Present: Mary Tennis, Ashley Kolka, Melissa La Tour, Jodi Broadwell, Sandy Johnson, Jason Hale

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

4:40 Review, approval of meeting minutes Mary

Ashley moved to approve with amendments shared today. Jodi seconded.

4:42 **OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE**

- Financial report

Same with monthly stipend. Jason

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- ARAC Opportunities

Drew Digby

Territory is larger than approximately 9 states, including 4 reservations. About \$800,000 comes in from the state. Also a grant from Bush and McKnight Foundations. Drew is sharing how ARAC can be of help to DPAC. A few things interested in helping with:

Business of Arts Training (1.2)- This summer there is a train the trainer. The business of art; the gallery marketing piece by improving the art market.

Advocate for the Arts (4.1): MN Citizens for the Arts is another area Drew participates in and would like to see/do more advocacy. Vacant space is unsafe. Occupied yet vacant space is still unsafe.

ARAC will hire an Artist Advocate next year and has set money aside for this cause. Drew is optimistic that there will be funding for this position.

Amplify Your Audience (4.3): Artists want more places to convene. Drew would love to partner in this area. Audience development beyond marketing; different groups of people in different parts of town. Convene people on true audience development planning.

Support Creative Placemaking (4.5): Push for alternative forms of art. It would be great to see Duluth go for a larger regional grant like the Our Town Grant. ARAC has ties with people who wrote the language for creative placemaking.

Drew can help find speakers to continue to the next convening meeting. Arts Summit. Ashley just started reading about plans for the parks. Jodi is involved with Lincoln Park/Harrison Park. Superior Street is involving artists to incorporate public art into the layout of the new constructed downtown streets.

From Jason: People are starting to talk about placemaking in transportation modes. How we look at bus stops, bus routes, There are talks about points of entry to highlight Lake Place Park. It is an underutilized park. All alternatives are expensive.

Wednesday there is a Creative Start Ups.

In summary, build on the success of Lincoln Park.

- NorShor Theatre RFQ

Mary/Sandy

Sandy realized that the pillars will need to be included in the RFQ. The drop down ceiling will need to be remeasured.

The drawing will be updated by going on site and measuring. Include a couple photos of the wall.

Remove the word *bars* from the sentence to just read shops and restaurants.

Add a number that covers review and selection of RFQs. For Announcement, change the date to August 28, 2018.

Christine will be brought in for the RFPs portion.

Contingent of the edits listed above, DPAC approves the RFQ.

Make not that there is no money in the RFQ process; only the RFP process.

From Jason: We should get on starting the RFP language, because the time will go fast once the RFQ goes out there.

Melissa will make a press release. DAI, ARAC, MN Artists.org, Perfect Duluth Day, Tweed Press Save the list.

Ashley will take a look at the list from the Creative Watershed and clean it up to use for outreach.

Melissa will lead the Art Summit subcommittee. Ashley will be on this committee as well.

- Imagine Duluth Subcommittee
- Indigenous Commission Liaison
- Mayor’s Reception Room/City Hall Rotunda Update

Mary

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Jason

ART+CULTURE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Creative Watershed Subcommittee

Mary

Other Business

- Confirm next meeting date: **July 16, 2018**
- Social Media Appt. at DPAC

Mary

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.