

## **Duluth Public Arts Commission**

### **MINUTES for Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Present: Bret Amundson, Jodi Broadwell, Philip Gilpin, Paula Gudmundson, Noah Hobbs, Amanda McElray Hunter, Christina Woods,

Absent: Melissa LaTour

Guest speakers: Tony Cuneo, Zeitgeist & Sarah Lawrence, Lyric of the Opera North

Staff Present: Adam Fulton, Eleanor Bacso, Steven Robertson

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### 1. January 25,2021 Regular Meeting

Gudmundson made a motion to approve the January minutes with a second from Hobbs.

Amundson	Broadwell	Gilpin	Gudmundson	Hobbs	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

#### **Presentations**

##### 2. Duluth Arts Network- Tony Cuneo (Zeitgeist Arts) & Sarah Lawrence (Lyric of the Opera North)

Guests Tony Cuneo and Sarah Lawrence (members of Duluth Arts Network) spoke to commissions members regarding funding for arts organizations within Duluth. The group is looking to find new ways of specific financial support from the City of Duluth for arts organizations. The first step could potentially be working with the City's partners marketing partners (such as Visit Duluth) to work on a long-term arts & cultural marketing effort. The second step would be requesting a direct line item of one million dollars from the City's general fund for art organization's funding. Commissioners asked questions of the presenters. DAN would like to be

involved with further conversations regarding funding. The Creative Watershed subcommittee will discuss this further.

**Action Items**

2. Election of President and Vice-President

Commissioner Gudmundson nominated Commissioner Woods for the role of President of the Duluth Public Arts Commission. Commissioner Woods accepted.

Roll Call

Amundson	Broadwell	Gilpin	Gudmundson	Hobbs	McElray Hunter	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

President Woods nominated Commissioner Amundson for role of the Vice-President. Commissioner Amundson accepted.

Roll Call

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

3. Superior Street Lighting Pilot Project

Commissioner Hobbs shared that the lighting project is close to coming to fruition and that two local artists have collaborated on the design. Hobbs also shared that for future light displays, Daniel Benoit would be able to accept anyone’s art work and make it into a moving projection. Hobbs made a motion that the Duluth Public Arts Commission approves the Superior Street Lighting Pilot project and that the funds are not exceed \$10,000; DPAC would still reserve the right to approve the art before it is displayed. Commissioner Broadwell seconded this motion.

Roll Call

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea
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### **Discussion Items**

#### 4. Review of excerpts, Creative Watershed: Duluth Arts + Culture Plan

Bacso went over the five strategic goals of the Creative Watershed Plan and touched on what Mayor Larson recommended to the commission regarding developing an annual work plan. Bacso asked the Creative Watershed ad-hoc committee if they had any updates to share. Gudmundson shared that the Creative Watershed Subcommittee wants to come up with action items for each area of the plan. Amundson said the subcommittee has talked about creating a work plan. Broadwell said she is happy to meet with the ad-hoc subcommittee to do a historical overview of the plan. There will be a further conversation in regards to the work plan at a future meeting.

### **Communications**

#### 5. Staff Updates

Bacso shared updates regarding the Chief Buffalo Mural and that the Parks department is close to sending a maintenance agreement to the artists, an update from the Mayor and an update regarding the proposed African Heritage Visibility Mural.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### 6. Superior Street Subcommittee Update

Hobbs touched base on the light display regarding partnership with the Greater Downtown Council and how they are partnering to promote the lighting event. Additionally, Hobbs has been in touch with Mankato regarding their art walk.

#### 7. Maintenance Subcommittee/Library Update

Broadwell shared the meeting minutes from their last meeting. Additionally, Broadwell suggested that DPAC reinstates a liaison to the Indigenous Commission; however DPAC and the Indigenous Commission meetings overlap slightly. Bacso will share a poll with commissioners to select a new meeting date.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42p.m.