

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES for Monday, December 20th, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

1. Public Comment

The meeting started at 4:04pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

Present: Bret Amundson, Tammy Clore, Amy Demmer, Scottie Gardonio, Philip Gilpin, Paula Gudmundson, Kelli Hallsten Erickson, Noah Hobbs, Christina Woods

Absent: Melissa LaTour, Amanda McElray Hunter

Staff: Eleanor Bacso

3. November 15th, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Hobbs made a motion to approve the November 15th minutes with a second by Gudmundson.

Roll Call

Amundson	Clore	Demmer	Gardonio	Gilpin	Gudmundson	Hallsten Erickson	Hobbs	Woods
Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Discussion Items

4. 2022 Priorities & Work Plan Action Items

Commissioners discussed long-term maintenance and overall cost of existing artwork. There was discussion on ensuring that the Public Arts Commission is doing work that is high visibility and the potential to do engaging events as well. Gilpin asked about the process of artists and organizations coming to DPAC for funding other non-DPAC projects. Gudmundson said that one of the programs may accommodate these requests is the flex funding. Amundson shared it is important to be very intentional in our goals of what we are looking to fund. Hobbs reiterated that it would be beneficial to have a

flexible way that artists can approach us. Commissioners agreed that there will be development of subcommittees for these projects.

Gudmundson made a motion to adopt the 2022 work plan as presented to the commission with a second by Hobbs.

Demmer expressed concerned regarding sustainability and long-term funding. There was a discussion about developing these programs initially pilot programs. The commission agreed to identify co-chairs for the subcommittees of these areas.

Roll Call

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

5. Superior Street Art Walk Resolution

Bacso discussed the proposed resolution which read: resolution requesting the City Administration to commit staff time to explore implementing a permanent art walk on Superior Street.

Hobbs made a motion to accept the resolution as is. Second by Philip.

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Communications

6. Staff Updates

Bacso shared the updates regarding the Duluth International Airport Rotation exhibition and that there has only been one submission to date. Bacso also shared parks' update that the grant funding for the Marten Trail that they have applied for is not applicable for public art. Bacso also shared that the meeting with Minnesota Power and Forecast Public Arts for the Electric Fetus wall mural will start soon.

Commissioner Hallsten Erickson introduced herself to the commission.

Subcommittee Reports

7. Conservation Subcommittee

Woods shared updates that the granite piece for the water feature in canal park is being worked on currently. The brick Relief mural project will be moved to spring. Woods expressed concern that there needs to be further discussion on the Stenen sculpture because it is beyond repair. Woods would like to discuss on deaccessioning on the next agenda.

8. Superior Street Art Walk Subcommittee

Hobbs shared that the request for proposals for the light projection is finalized and will be sent out shortly. He also shared that the Superior Street Subcommittee is still discussing chalk art as well. The request for proposal also falls under the work plan that the commission approved tonight.

Hobbs made a motion to accept the request for proposal as is. Seconded by Gudmundson.

Commissioners asked to include the rubric from the airport submission. Bacso informed the group that there would be a special meeting to approve the submissions.

Roll Call

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Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea	Yea

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.