

Duluth Public Arts Commission

MINUTES 4/21/2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

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Present: Gardonio, Woods, Marshik, Durrwachter, Underwood

Absent: Amanda Hunter

Others Present: Anne Clark (DAR), Kathleen Cargill (DAR), Ginka Tarnowski, Anna and Austin Dilly.

Staff: Angie Stier, Natalie Lavenstein

Approval of Minutes

- Woods proposed approval of March minutes with the following additions: Include in the decision descriptions if commissioners Woods and Councilor Durrwachter were present or absent and the time.
- Woods motioned to approve minutes with changes, Marshik second.
*Underwood absent, arrived at 4:32

Staff Updates (Angie Stier)

- 3 new appointments to board. Approved but still needs to take oath. If an appointee does not take the oath, there will be a vacancy.
- Woods: Open meeting law, many state boards vote remote. This would allow more people to bring expertise. Angie will check and follow up.
- Discussion: City Council will need a majority vote to amend the meeting rules to allow for remote options.
- Gateway Park to be painted in May.
- GND grant agreement is in process.
- Angie left meeting at 4:45.

Discussion Items

2025 DPAC Goals & Committee Review

- Underwood arrived at 4:32
- Gardonio: Looked over creative watershed items and there are several items we can do without staff time. A common denominator is meeting with people. Should we change the subcommittees to match that? One could be outreach (parks, and other city groups), funds committee, review process (organization and structure). GND we spent a ton of time and lots of back and forth. There is room for improved efficiency. How can we restructure? A subcommittee could also take over utility wrap boxes.
- Marshik: Some of these are very similar to last year's goals.
- Woods: We can't do grants, but we can set ourselves up for getting grants if there is a point where we are allowed to do grants. We should be ready for it. We need a grant resource document.
- Woods: There are private groups that want to fund government art.
- Gardonio: 3 or less subcommittees in addition to the arts, statues, monuments subcommittee. Conservation, art review, funds (intertwined with outreach).
- Woods motioned to restructure subcommittees into 4 subcommittees with names listed below. Durrwachter second.
 - o Conservation
 - o Fund and Community Outreach
 - o Submission Process and Submittal Review
 - o Strategic Direction
- Subcommittee Assignments
 - o Conservation: Woods (Convener), Gardonio
 - o Fund and Community Outreach: Woods can help by providing resources but won't be a member. Underwood (Convener), Durrwachter
 - o Submission Process and Submittal Review: Marshik (Convener), Gardonio.

- Strategic Direction: Continue with current assignments: Marshik (Convener), Gardonio, and Hunter. Will keep this the same for now.
- Gardonio: Recruit people to subcommittees. No voting rights. Reminder, always remember quorum rules.

2025 Budget Review

- Marshik: There is flexibility in some budget categories: Utility Box Wraps, Flex, and Flex Public Art.
- Gardonio: We made a brochure showing utility box wraps.
- Woods: Bloomberg Connects App: Duluth posts in partnership. Duluth can have their own tour page. This is for govs and nonprofits to showcase their art. This would be Duluth Art Institute staff time. This is an outreach topic.
- Marshik: How many box wraps have been installed? How many have wraps and how many don't? Do we have bus shelters, how many, where?
- Woods: we could do bus wraps instead of shelter wraps.
- Gardonio: This may go on next agenda so people can think about this.

Statue of Liberty

- It was removed, we are in the process of deaccessioning it. There is some damage. Takes money to fix and deaccession. In storage. Challenging to move. Still part of collect City's collection.
- Woods: If you take a statue down you have to contact the owner. Family does not want it. It is fragile. We must follow the state of MN. Working with attorneys.
- Kathleen Cargill: Might have funding to fix and reinstall this. We are approaching this as MN chapter members of the America 250.
- Anne Clarke: Given to use by France. 53 were made. 8 still standing. Mason's Unit was involved
- Gardonio: This does not mean we the City have to deaccession. No one can fundraise for DPAC. Can they get a grant and Duluth accepts the

money? Angie will review. City can not match funds, and staff resources are limited.

- Gardonio question to Angie: Can Penny and art survey company review this item? Roughly 2 weeks after the review, the Arts, Statues, and Monuments subcommittee will create a report.
- Woods: We are in the era of conservation. As a city we are not forward thinking about statues for our future.

Other

Adjournment

- Gardonio motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second by Durrwachter. Meeting adjourned at 5:23.