



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: 6/13/2023
Minutes prepared by: Al Tsai & Sarah Kidwell
Location: Dakota Lodge – Thompson Park, West St. Paul

Attendance

- Mike Todaro
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Cheryl O'Donnell
- Al Tsai
- Bob Erickson
- Sydney Seufer
- Helen Leslie
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Decision Made

- Post the Library RFP to the Public Art Committee's Facebook page.
- Create a subcommittee to plan artist reception for the Dakota County Art Show.

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests / All / Member Signature
- Sub-Committee Reports / All / 5 minutes
 - South St. Paul Library Artwork Subcommittee / Subcommittee
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee / Subcommittee
 - Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project Update & Discussion / Parks
 - Review Greenway System Public Art Opportunities / Parks
 - Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee / Subcommittee

Next Meeting

Date: July 11, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Farmington Library, 508 Third Street, Farmington

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates, Dakota County Fair Artist Reception

Meeting Notes

Approval of Agenda

Bob Erickson moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Cheryl O'Donnell. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Cheryl O'Donnell moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Al Tsai. The motion passed.

Per Diem Requests

Each committee member received a per diem request to sign for today's meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

South St. Paul Library Artwork and Create Subcommittee

The Dakota County Library has published the RFP for artwork at the new South St. Paul Library location. The Committee has posted the opportunity to the SpringBoard for the Arts and Forecast job boards, as well as shared information about it on the Committee's Facebook page.

Music in the Park Subcommittee

The Music in the Park and Summer Solstice lineups are posted on the Parks website events page.

Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project: Parks Department

Parks expects that they are at least a year away from more specific discussions regarding art at the trailhead. They are in the process of identifying an indigenous liaison to assist with the project and explore concepts.

Review Greenway System Public Art Opportunities

Parks still has a vacancy in the role needed to complete the mapping and identification of assets along the Greenway Trail System. There is potential for funding through the bikeways and greenways infrastructure

legislation. And Beth mentioned that there is more enthusiasm around public art that could lead to creating a public art plan for the county in the future, which could help to obtain grant funding.

The Committee would like to recognize the work of the Subcommittee who worked on the Garlough Tunnel project if it is recognized at a County Board Meeting following the National Association of Counties Conference.

Create Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee

The Committee sent a letter to the Dakota County Fair Art Show indicating that we would like to help to promote the Art Show at the Dakota County Fair throughout the entire county through flyers, ads, and other promotional avenues; create a traveling exhibit of the winning artwork at Dakota County Libraries; beautify the Art Building at the Dakota County Fairgrounds with signage or paint. The Dakota County Agricultural Society responded that they were interested in this partnership and would need information for the Premium Book soon since it is in the final stages before going to print.

After a lot of discussion about what would be required this first year, the Committee decided that they would like to host an artist reception the first night of the fair as a soft introduction of the Public Art Committee to the Dakota County Agricultural Society and the Art Show. Then we'll have a year to thoughtfully plan a traveling exhibit at the library, source any display materials that would be needed, promotional opportunities, and any other details for making this partnership successful.

A Subcommittee of Al, Mike, JuliAnne and Bob will guide this initiative.