



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: 3/12/2024
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Kaposia Library, South St. Paul

Attendance

- Mike Todaro
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Savanna Jensen
- Helen Leslie
- Heather Stephenson, Dakota County Library
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Teresa Mitchell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Decisions Made

- Mike Todaro will serve on the Music in the Park Subcommittee
- May Public Art Advisory Committee meeting will begin at the Inver Glen Library from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and then move outside to tour the Unity Trail in Inver Grove Heights.

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests / All / Member Signature
- Sub-Committee Reports / All
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee / Subcommittee
 - Dakota County Public Art Plan
 - Unity Trail Subcommittee

- Art Contest Subcommittee / Subcommittee
- Unfinished Business
 - Committee Outreach
 - Music in the Park: June 20 at Thompson Park; June 25, July 30 and August 27 at Whitetail Woods
 - Dakota County Fair: August 5-11
- New Business
 - Public Art Project

Next Meeting

Date: April 9, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Farmington Library, Farmington

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates

Meeting Notes

Approval of Agenda: Chair

Bob Erickson moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Al Tsai. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Chair

Bob Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Al Tsai. The motion passed.

Per Diem Requests: All

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

Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

- **Music in the Park**

Subcommittee: Mike Todaro will serve on the subcommittee. It would be great to have another member, too. Parks staff that are coordinating the events are currently recruiting for performers. They are expecting to review applications in early April with Performer Selection Review to meet on April 25.

- **Public Art Plan**

The Physical Development Department will manage the Public Art Plan project through the Planning Commission. The Parks and Library Departments are going through a strategic planning process now and

we will be meeting in April to see how we can leverage public engagement opportunities with these processes before this project officially kicks off. The RFP process will begin this fall.

- **Unity Trail Subcommittee**

Subcommittee: JuliAnne Jonker and Mike Todaro

The May Public Art Advisory Committee meeting will be scheduled to begin the meeting at the Inver Glen Library and then tour the Unity Trail in Inver Grove Heights.

- **Art Contest Subcommittee**

Al Tsai shared updated planning details for the art contest. Review the document that Al created and send him any additional comments or suggestions.

- Top artwork to be on exhibition in the Libraries.
- Certificate of Merit for finalists.
- Send art contest details to Communications to assist with various promotional pieces.
- Send art contest entry form details to Help Desk to create form for submissions.
- Prepare announcement to schools regarding contest opening.

Unfinished Business

- **Committee Outreach**

There are opportunities for committee outreach at the Music in the Park events and the Dakota County Fair. We can have a table or information available at any of these events over the summer. Committee members can sign up to volunteer to be at the Public Art Committee table for any of the events.

New Business

- **Public Art Project Possibility**

Mike Todaro shared information about a public art initiative that Independent School District 197 is undertaking with Dakota County Public Health to develop a wellness plan that will culminate in a public art service project.