



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: July 9, 2025
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

Attendance

- Katy Baune
- Cheryl Caponi
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Meredith McKinley, Via Partnership
- Erika Fiola, Via Partnership
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Actions Taken

- Student Art Contest reception and unveiling of exhibit will be held on Monday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Robert Trail Library, Rosemount.
- Allocate \$500 to spend towards framing of artwork for the traveling exhibit and entries for all artists.

Decisions Made

- Create stickers of artwork or art pieces as giveaways at events.

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests will be emailed / All / Member Signature
- Unfinished Business

- a. Dakota County Framework Public Art Plan: Meridith & Erika, *Via Partnership* 60 minutes
 - i. Defining Public Art
 - ii. Engagement Plan
 - 1. Draft Questionnaire: [Dakota County Public Art Questionnaire](#)
 - 2. Stakeholders
 - 3. Events
 - iii. Next Steps
- Carlton County Art Commission: Teresa Mitchell
- Sub-Committee Reports / All
 - 2025 Student Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee: Mike Todaro
- New Business

Next Meeting

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Wescott Library, Eagan

Agenda items: Framework Art Plan

Meeting Notes

Approval of Agenda: Chair

Katy Baune moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by JuliAnne Jonker. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Chair

JuliAnne Jonker moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Katy Baune. The motion passed.

Per Diem Requests: All

Per diem requests will be distributed to each member to sign for today's meeting.

Unfinished Business

- **Dakota County Framework Public Art Plan: Meridith McKinley & Erika Fiola**

Meridith and Erika led discussions to define what is public art and what is a public art collection.

Defining Public art

- Temporary vs. Permanent Art
- Procured/Acquired/Original/Commissioned vs. Already Exist
- Artist defined as any artist, not professional
- Temporary art = period of time (like leased artwork) vs. disappears (like snow melts)

Defining Public art collection

- Portable or moveable
- Exhibition: Temporary or Permanent
- Interpretation
- Memorial

Stakeholder Engagement

- Roundtable Groups: targeted groups of people, including local artists. No more than 8 people.
- Dakota County Fair
- Lakeville Arts Festival artist contact list
- Burnsville International Festival
- Community Engagement opportunities: There will be a list of Parks and Library events for committee members to sign up to volunteer at any of the outreach events.

Draft of Survey

The Via Partnership team shared a draft of the community engagement questionnaire with the committee. Survey comments are due in one week.

Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

• **Music in the Park Subcommittee: Mike Todaro**

There are three Music in the Park events remaining this season. We will order stickers of student art or physical art around Dakota County to have as give aways.

• **Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai**

Al Tsai gave an update on the 2025 Student Art Contest.

Al Tsai moved that the committee will host an unveiling of the exhibition and reception on Monday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Robert Trail Library in Rosemount, and it was seconded by Bob Erickson. The motion passed.

Bob Erickson moved for allocate up to \$500 to purchase frames for the 14 pieces in the traveling exhibit and 31 for all other students that entered pieces in the art contest, and it was seconded by JuliAnne Jonker. The motion passed.