



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: 1/14/2025
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Wentworth Library, West St. Paul

Attendance

- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Bob Erickson
- Annika Phomsamouth
- Mike Todaro
- Katryna Baune
- Cheryl Caponi
- Lil Leatham, Dakota County Planning Office
- Mary Jackson, Dakota County Planning Office
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

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
 - Dakota County Public Art Plan / Lil Leatham
 - 2025 Student Art Contest Subcommittee
 - Deadline: February 28, 2025
 - Theme: Thriving Together
 - Unity Trail Subcommittee
 - Parks Artist-in-Residency Pilot Program
- Election of Advisory Committee Officers
 - Chair
 - Vice-Chair

- Unfinished Business
 - 2025 Work Plan and Budget
- New Business
 - 2025 Meeting Calendar

Next Meeting

Date: February 11, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Northern Service Center, West St. Paul

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates, 2025 Student Art Contest, Review stakeholder list

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 JuliAnne Jonker. The motion passed.

Per Diem Requests: All

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

Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

- **Public Art Plan: Lil Leatham and Mary Jackson**

Lil Leatham and Mary Jackson, from the Dakota County Planning Office, gave a presentation about the process to create a county-wide public art plan. Lil expects to come to the Advisory Committee meetings once a quarter to provide an update. They are currently drafting a request for proposal (RFP) to solicit consultants to create the public art plan and expect that to be published by February. The Advisory Committee provided feedback as to groups or populations to gather feedback from during the planning process.

- **Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai**

Al Tsai gave an update on the 2025 Student Art Contest. The theme will be "Thriving Together." The deadline for online submission is February 28, 2025.

- **Unity Trail Subcommittee: JuliAnne Jonker and Mike Todaro**
- Beth Landahl provided a written report on the Unity Trail progress.
- **Parks Artist in Residency Pilot Program**

Beth Landahl provided a written report on the Artist in Residency Pilot Program.

Election of Advisory Committee Officers

- **Chair**
Mike Todaro nominated Al Tsai, and it was seconded by Bob Erickson. The motion passed.
- **Vice-Chair**
JuliAnne Jonker nominated Mike Todaro, and it was seconded by Al Tsai. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

- **2025 Work Plan and Budget**

The Advisory Committee approved the 2025 Work Plan with the elimination of the final item that is better summarized in an earlier bullet point in more general terms.

New Business

- **2025 Meeting Calendar**

The 2025 meeting calendar was distributed. The Advisory Committee will not meet in August and December.