



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: 4/8/2025
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Wescott Library, 1340 Wescott Road, Eagan

Attendance

- Katryna Baune
- Mike Todaro
- Cheryl Caponi
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Decisions Made

- Selected winners of the 2025 Student Art Contest.

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
 - Unity Trail Subcommittee
 - Parks Artist-in-Residency Pilot Program
 - 2025 Student Art Contest Subcommittee
 - Theme: Thriving Together
 - Judging Submissions
 - Awards
 - Set Reception Date

- Unfinished Business
- New Business
 - Central Repository of Art Activities & Events

Next Meeting

Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Inver Glen Library, Inver Grove Heights

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates, 2025 Student Art Contest, Framework Art Plan

Meeting Notes

Approval of Agenda: Chair

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

Approval of Minutes: Chair

Bob Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Cheryl Caponi. 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**

The Via consultant team will be in town during the week of the May Advisory Committee meeting. We anticipate that they will attend this meeting as part of their time in Minnesota. More details and information will be shared as it becomes available.

- **Unity Trail Subcommittee: JuliAnne Jonker and Mike Todaro**

Beth Landahl provided a written report for the Unity Trail project. Next opportunities for DC Public Art Committee engagement:

- **May 2025:** Once Request for Proposal for mosaic benches is ready for posting, DC Public Art Committee could share RFP within the committee's networks.
- **May - June 2025:** DC Public Art Committee representatives (JuliAnne Jonker and Mike Todaro) could be part of the artist selections, if timing and interest aligns. Please let Beth if there's interest in participating in a representative or two participating in the selection process.

- **May - June 2025:** DC staff / subcommittee members will update the DC Public Art Committee once an artist is selected.

- **Parks Artist in Residency Pilot Program**

Beth Landahl provided a written update on the Parks Artist-in Residency Pilot Program. Ifrah Mansour, DC Parks Artist-in-Residence, has been working on becoming more familiar with Dakota County's parks and greenways, visiting with communities and organizations, and developing the scope of art for her residency. More details will be shared at the meeting in May.

- **Music in the Park Subcommittee**

There will be five Music in the Park events at Whitetail Woods Regional Park and one Summer Solstice celebration at Thompson Park.

- **Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai**

Al Tsai gave an update on the 2025 Student Art Contest. The Advisory Committee judged submissions and selected winners for each of the categories and in two age groups, primary and secondary.

Unfinished Business

New Business

- **Central Repository of Art Activities & Events**

Mike Todaro brought in his product = Corqueboard – to demonstrate for the Advisory Committee. The Corqueboard unit is mobile and serves as the digital bulletin board where users can scan a QR code to learn more about posted content or submit content for others to find. This could be the central platform for sharing art events and activities throughout the county with mobile units and a website to promote opportunities.