



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: 5/13/2025
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Inver Glen Library, Inver Grove Heights

Attendance

- Katryna Baune
- Mike Todaro
- Cheryl Caponi
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Meridith McKinley, Via Partnership
- Erika Fiola, Via Partnership
- Commissioner Hamann Roland, District 7
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Teresa Mitchell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Actions Taken

- Approved spending \$2,500 to purchase a Corqueboard device, contingent on successfully receiving staff approval and requirements.

Decisions Made

- The 2025 Student Art Contest will be announced during intermission of Music in the Park on May 27.

Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / Approval or Modification

- Per Diem Requests / All / Member Signature
- Administrative Items
 - End of Year Presentation to County Board
 - Change date of November 11th meeting
- Sub-Committee Reports / All
 - Unity Trail Subcommittee Update: Beth Landahl
 - Parks Artist-in-Residency Pilot Program Update: Beth Landahl
 - 2025 Student Art Contest Subcommittee
 - Theme: Thriving Together
 - Announce Awards: May 27 at Music in the Park during intermission
 - Set Reception Date
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee
 - Art Activities & Events Corqueboard Subcommittee
- Unfinished Business
 - Dakota County Framework Public Art Plan: Via Partnership
- New Business
 - Carlton County Art Commission

Next Meeting

Date: June 10, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Burnhaven Library, Burnsville

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates, 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 Mike Todaro. 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

- **Parks Artist in Residency Pilot Program**

Beth Landahl provided an update on the Parks Artist-in Residency Pilot Program. Ifrah Mansour, DC Parks Artist-in-Residence, has been developing concepts for parks that will lead towards an event at Spring Lake Park Reserve in August that focuses on weaving and natural fibers.

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

Beth Landahl provided an update for the Unity Trail project. The joint powers agreements have been completed for the project, the RFP is being finalized by the County Attorney's Office and is expected to be released in mid-June.

- **Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai**

Al Tsai gave an update on the 2025 Student Art Contest. The Advisory Committee will announce the winners during intermission of Music in the Park on May 27. Al Tsai and Bob Erickson will be the emcees. Bob Erickson indicated that the Friends of the Lakeville Area Arts Center will donate gift cards for the winners again this year. Sarah Kidwell will create certificates and cards for each of the winners.

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

There will be five Music in the Park events at Whitetail Woods Regional Park from May through September, and one Summer Solstice celebration at Thompson Park in June.

- **Art Activities & Events Corqueboard Subcommittee: Kate Baune & Mike Todaro**

Mike Todaro spoke about the Corqueboard proposal that was shared with various department heads at Dakota County to vet the idea and requirements before continuing with the concept of creating a hub for arts and culture events and activities across Dakota County.

Cheryl Caponi moved to spend \$2,500 to purchase a Corqueboard device, contingent on successfully receiving staff approval and requirements, and it was seconded by Katryna Baune. Mike Todaro abstained. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

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

Meridith McKinley and Erika Fiola from Via Partnership gave a presentation on the process that they will go through to develop the framework art plan for Dakota County. There will be opportunities for the Advisory Committee to engage throughout the process on tasks like reviewing survey questions, defining target survey audiences, promotion of the survey at events. The team is touring Dakota County this week, will get started on the project and check in at the June meeting.

New Business

- **Carlton County Art Commission**

Teresa Mitchell received a request from the Carlton County Arts Commission about starting a public art plan. They would like to attend the June Advisory Committee meeting to see what our meetings and process are like. The Advisory Committee felt that June wasn't the best month for this discussion as we'll have a full agenda already and would like to dedicate a majority of the time to the art plan.