



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: June 10, 2025
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Burnhaven Library, Burnsville

Attendance

- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Lil Leatham, Dakota County Capital Planning
- Teresa Mitchell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division
- 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
- Administrative Items
 - End of Year Presentation to County Board
- Sub-Committee Reports / All
 - 2025 Student Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee: Mike Todar
 - Art Activities & Events Corqueboard Subcommittee: Kate Baune & Mike Todaro
- Unfinished Business
 - Dakota County Framework Public Art Plan: Lil Leatham
 - Carlton County Art Commission: Teresa Mitchell
- New Business

Next Meeting

Date: July 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams or Zoom

Agenda items: Framework Art Plan

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

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

Administrative Items: Teresa Mitchell

The Board of Commissioners has requested that all advisory committees present at the General Governance and Policy Committee meeting in December or January.

Sub-Committee Reports/Updates

- **Art Contest Subcommittee: Al Tsai**

Al Tsai gave an update on the 2025 Student Art Contest. The Advisory Committee announced the winners during intermission of Music in the Park on May 27. There were three winners present that night, including the Grand Champion. The committee will continue to work on plans for the reception and exhibition unveiling.

- **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. We will be able to use these events for public engagement opportunities for the public art plan.

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

Teresa Mitchell gave an update on the the Corqueboard presentation to 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. From the staff perspective, this is not a viable project at the moment. We are hoping that through the Public Art Framework Plan that this work and direction for the committee will emerge from this process.

Unfinished Business

- **Dakota County Framework Public Art Plan: Lil Leatham**

Lil Leatham gave an update presentation on the Public Art Framework plan for Dakota County. The Public Art Advisory Committee will be the main advisory committee and the consultant team will plan to meet with them six times over the course of the project. The next step that will kick off are the community dialogues. The Via Partnership team will share a draft of the community engagement questionnaire with the committee at the July meeting. Then stakeholder roundtables with targeted groups of people, including local artists. There will be a list of Parks and Library events for committee members to sign up to volunteer at any of the outreach events.

- **Carlton County Art Commission**

Teresa Mitchell followed up with the Carlton County Arts Commission about starting a public art plan. There have a different structure as a 501(c)3 nonprofit arts commission and not sure if they align closely with this committee's mission. We do have members that are willing to discuss what we do with them or if they'd like to come observe our meetings.

New Business

- We need to have consistent attendance from committee members.