



## Meeting Minutes: Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: 3/14/2023  
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell  
Location: Wentworth Library, West St. Paul

### Attendance

- Helen Leslie
- Sydney Seufer
- Cheryl Eslinger
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Linda Baker
- Heather Stephenson, Dakota County Library
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

### Decisions Made

- Helen Leslie and Cheryl O'Donnell volunteered to service on the South St. Paul Library Artwork Subcommittee.
- Savannah Jensen and Sydney Seufer volunteered to serve on the Music in the Park Subcommittee.
- Al Tsai, JuliAnne Jonker and Sydney Seufer volunteered to serve on the Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee.

### Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests / All / Member Signature
- Update on South St. Paul Library Artwork and Create Subcommittee / Chair & Staff
- Sub-Committee Reports / All / 5 minutes
  - Greenway System Public Art Opportunities / Parks

- Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project Update & Discussion / Parks
- Music in the Park Subcommittee / Chair
- Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee / Chair

## **Next Meeting**

Date: April 11, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Inver Glen Library, Inver Grove Heights

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates

## **Meeting Notes**

### **Approval of Agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

### **Per Diem Requests**

Each committee member received a per diem request to sign for today's meeting.

### **Update on South St. Paul Library Artwork and Create Subcommittee**

The Dakota County Library director and South St. Paul Library director are working together to procure artwork for the new South St. Paul Library that will hang above the fireplace. The Friends of the South St. Paul Library have donated funds for the fireplace and the artwork. Public Services & Revenue director would like the Library to work with the Public Art Committee to prepare a request for proposal, review proposals and select artwork for this location. Helen Leslie and Cheryl O'Donnell volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to assist the Library to solicit and purchase artwork for the South St. Paul Library.

### **Sub-Committee Reports**

#### **Greenway System Public Art Opportunities: Parks Department**

Beth Landahl gave an update on the Greenway System public art opportunities. There are 48-50 miles of trails throughout Dakota County. 12 tunnels in the Greenway System. Parks would like the Public Art Committee to assist with identifying underpasses/overpasses that could be good for art and criteria for prioritization of these locations. Beth will bring more information about the trail inventory to the June meeting.

## **Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project: Parks Department**

Beth Landahl gave an update on the Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project. Parks is working to hire an indigenous liaison to assist with the public art piece. Bison Welcome Week is planned for mid- to late-May. There is a local artists who has two bison sculptures that the county could rent as a temporary structure in the west paddock. Parks is currently reviewing the financial impact of renting art. There is funding request in the bonding bill for a regional interpretive center. Beth will bring more details to the next meeting.

## **Create Music in the Park Subcommittee**

Beth Landahl gave an update on Music in the Park. Parks is hiring a special events coordinator to help plan and execute special events. June, July and August Music in the Park will be held at Whitetail Woods. The Summer Solstice in June will be at Thompson Park. The subcommittee will meet in mid- to late-April.

## **Create Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee**

Linda Baker, Art Show chairman for the Dakota County Fair, was at the meeting and provided additional details about the Art Show and how the Public Art Committee could participate or help promote the Art Show.

Direction for the committee includes identifying:

- Q: Who runs the Art Show? Who are judges? How are judges decided? Can we help promote or create a special category or theme?  
A: Linda Baker is the Art Show Superintendent. Judges are confidential but are professionals from around the state. The Premium Book is published in July. The Public Art Committee could create a special category for the Art Show.
- Q: Can we create a traveling exhibit of winners from the Art Show to be displayed at Dakota County buildings?  
A: Yes, this could be an option that is presented to Grand Champions to have their piece be displayed at local libraries.
- Q: Who owns the Art building? Can it be beautified?  
A: The Agricultural Society owns the building and we could talk to the President and Board about beautification projects, like signage, paint, etc.

The Committee would like to help to promote the Art Show at the Dakota County Fair throughout the entire county through flyers, ads, and other promotional avenues. Premium books could be distributed to local libraries and banks.

## **Other Items**

The Miesville Ravine Park Reserve Plan is on pause for the moment. Lil Leatham will come to the June and October meetings to discuss concepts and park improvements that could include art.