



Meeting Minutes: Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: 5/9/2023
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell
Location: Camp Spring Lake Retreat Center, Rosemount

Attendance

- Mike Todaro
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Cheryl O'Donnell
- Al Tsai
- Cheryl Eslinger
- Bob Erickson
- Sydney Seuffer
- Helen Leslie
- Beth Landahl, Dakota County Parks
- Autumn Hubbel, Dakota County Parks
- Margaret Stone, Dakota County Library
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

Actions

- Contribute up to \$5,000 for the purchase of artwork for the South St. Paul Library quiet zone room to match the contribution of the South St. Paul Library Endowment contribution.
- Send a letter to the Dakota County Agricultural Society Board that proposes a partnership with the Art Show to help promote the competition, create a traveling exhibit of winning artwork, create signage or beautify the Art Building at the Dakota County Fairgrounds.

Decision Made

- Post and pay for the Library RFP to the SpringBoard for the Arts and Forecast job boards.
- Invite the Public Art Committee to the County Board of Commissioners meeting if the River to River Greenway Tunnel at Garlough Elementary receives an award and is recognized at a meeting.
- Create a sample RFP for internal department use.

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
- Review 2023 Budget / Staff
- Sub-Committee Reports / All / 5 minutes
 - South St. Paul Library Artwork Subcommittee / Subcommittee
 - Music in the Park Subcommittee / Subcommittee
 - Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project Update & Discussion / Parks
 - Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee / Subcommittee

Next Meeting

Date: June 13, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Dakota Lodge – Thompson Park, West St. Paul

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates

Meeting Notes

Approval of Agenda

Cheryl O'Donnell moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Helen Leslie. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Bob Erickson moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Cheryl O'Donnell. The motion passed.

Per Diem Requests

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

Review 2023 Budget

The committee reviewed the 2023 budget and progress on the annual work plan.

Sub-Committee Reports

South St. Paul Library Artwork and Create Subcommittee

The Subcommittee met with the South St. Paul Library and Dakota County Library directors last month. The Subcommittee helped to edit the Request For Proposal that is being drafted to procure artwork for above the fireplace in the new South St. Paul Library. Margaret Stone provided information about the quiet room where the artwork will be located and the dimensions of the space above the mantel where it will be located. The subcommittee will bring back the finalist's proposals to the committee. The committee has also requested that the artwork include a plaque that names the South St. Paul Library Endowment and the Dakota County Public Art Advisory Committee as the entities that purchased the artwork.

Margaret Stone also presented a letter from the Library requesting matching funds from the Public Art Committee for the contribution from the South St. Paul Library endowment.

Bob Erickson moved that the Public Art Committee Contribute up to \$5,000 for the purchase of artwork for the South St. Paul Library quiet zone room to match the contribution of the South St. Paul Library Endowment contribution, and it was seconded by Cheryl O'Donnell. The motion passed.

Music in the Park Subcommittee

Sydney Seuffer and Savanna Jensen reviewed the submissions and attended the meeting to select the artists for the Summer Solstice and Music in the Park events this summer. Overall, 75 artists submitted proposals.

Bison Reintroduction Public Art Project: Parks Department

Beth Landahl shared that there will be an open house for the bison reintroduction on Wednesday, June 7 from 4-6 p.m. at Spring Lake Park Reserve. The bison yard art from the fair will be at the open house. Parks has submitted bonding requests for funds to build a trailhead and expects that they are at least a year away from more specific discussions regarding art at the trailhead. Other structural pieces that will be built first include parking, trailhead, then art will come to fruition. This item will continue to the 2024 Public Art Committee work plan.

Create Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee

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; create a traveling exhibit of the winning artwork at Dakota County Libraries; beautify the Art Building at the Dakota County Fairgrounds with signage or paint. At the April meeting, the committee planned to attend the Agricultural Society's meeting on May 1 but after a phone call with their office manager, it was decided that a letter to the Art Show Director would be more appropriate. The Director would then share the proposal with the Art Show Superintendents to decide if this was something that they would like to pursue.

JuliAnne Jonker moved that the Public Art Advisory Committee send the letter as drafted to the Dakota County Agricultural Society to propose a partnership with the Art Show to help promote the competition, create a

traveling exhibit of winning artwork, create signage or beautify the Art Building at the Dakota County Fairgrounds. It was seconded by Helen Leslie. The motion passed.

Other Updates

- The “Under the Sea” art piece that was donated to the Robert Trail Library in Rosemount is scheduled for installation in June and the library is planning a reveal event.
- For 2024 work plan: Create a sample RFP for the Committee that is art-focused to share with other departments.