



## Meeting Minutes: Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

Date: 9/12/2023  
Minutes prepared by: JuliAnne Jonker and Sarah Kidwell  
Location: Dakota County Administration Center, Hastings

### Attendance

- Mike Todaro
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Cheryl O'Donnell
- Al Tsai
- Bob Erickson
- Sydney Seufer
- Heather Stephenson, Dakota County Library
- Teresa Mitchell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

### Decisions Made

- Bring back bylaw revisions back next month for additional discussion.
- Sydney Seufer and Cheryl O'Donnell volunteered to serve on the Music in the Parks subcommittee next year.
- Continue investigating opportunities to engage with the Art Show at the Dakota County Fair.
- Identified four sculptures to consider for a one-year lease to be on display at the Administration Center and Pleasant Hill Library.

### Agenda

- Identify Minute Taker / Chair
- Approval of Agenda / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / 5 minutes / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests / All / Member Signature
- Sculpture Proposal from Hastings Prescott Arts Council / Chair
- Bylaw Revisions / Staff

- Community Engagement Opportunities / Chair
- Sub-Committee Reports / All / 5 minutes
  - Music in the Park Subcommittee / Subcommittee
  - South St. Paul Library Artwork Subcommittee / Subcommittee
  - Investigate Art Opportunities at the Fairgrounds Subcommittee / Subcommittee

## Next Meeting

Date: October 10, 2023

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Burnhaven Library, Burnsville

Agenda items: Subcommittee Updates, HPAC Sculpture Proposal, Bylaw Revisions, 2024 Work Plan

## Meeting Notes

### Identify Minute Taker: Chair

JuliAnne Jonker will take meeting notes.

### Approval of Agenda: Chair

Bob Erickson moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Cheryl O'Donnell. 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

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

### Sculpture Proposal from Hastings Prescott Arts Council: Chair

The Hastings Prescott Arts Council (HPAC) received a grant and would like to place sculptures from a local artist around town. They identified the Administration Center and Pleasant Hill Library in Hastings as two prime locations. HPAC would pay for a one-year lease of the artwork. Dakota County would be responsible for paying for any improvements to the ground to place and/or secure the sculptures.

The committee reviewed the sculptures with a value under \$10,000 – the Dakota County liability insurance limit – and selected their top four sculptures: Statue of Liberty, Mourning Tree, Trellis, and Kangaroos. The committee identified potential locations outside at the Administration Center and at the Pleasant Hill Library.

## **Bylaw Revisions: Staff**

Teresa Mitchell presented the changes proposed to the Public Art Advisory Committee Bylaws and the Art In Public Places Program Selection Criteria and Process. The members of this committee are appointed by the Board of Commissioners and the revisions include removing “recommending” to the County Board throughout the document and using “advisory” as a more appropriate term for the Committee as subject-matter experts who may not make the final selection decision.

Staff will bring back an updated draft at the October meeting.

## **Community Engagement Opportunities: Chair**

Mike Todaro reminded members to be more present at events to promote the Public Art Advisory Committee. We should have an information table at the Music in the Parks events.

## **Sub-Committee Reports/Updates:**

### **Music in the Park Subcommittee: Subcommittee**

All events have been held for the summer. Thank you to Sydney and Savanna for serving on this subcommittee.

Sydney Seufer and Cheryl O’Donnell volunteered to be on the subcommittee again next year.

### **South St. Paul Library Artwork Subcommittee: Subcommittee**

Cheryl O’Donnell reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the Library for original art resulted in over 40 responses. The committee narrowed down the proposals to the top four, and library staff selected the finalist, who creates mosaics. The artist will be submitting her design next week.

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

The Artist Reception at the Dakota County Fair went really well! Committee members made a few observations:

- Artists were from other counties and not limited to Dakota County. Found out after the event that anyone residing in a county adjacent to Dakota County may enter artwork in the Dakota County Fair Art Show.
- Every piece of art had a ribbon.
- There were too many categories.

The committee would like to host the reception again next year and consider creating a Dakota County Award to increase participation by Dakota County artists. A traveling exhibit in Libraries would be limited to Dakota County residents.