

Duluth Public Arts Commission

AGENDA for Monday, August 19th, 2019, 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: City Hall Mayor's Reception Room

Present: Mary Tennis, Jason Hale with Eleanor Bacso (in training), Ashley Kolka-Lee, Melissa La Tour, Sandy Johnson

Absent: Kelli Latuska, Jodi Broadwell

Guest: Emily Voight

4:30 Call to order, additions to the agenda Mary
Review, approval of meeting minutes
Postponed. Mary

OPERATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

- Financial report

Jason

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS AND RELATIONSHIPS

- Canal Park Project

Emily: Imagine Canal Park - Getting great feedback from utility boxes. They are looking at possibly doing some boxes in the downtown Duluth area. Gichi- Ode' Akiing - furniture was tested for about a month as well as chalk stencils that last a couple months. Zeitgeist doing some vertical art. They proposed to do some murals there while working with the Indigenous Commission. A feast event is planned, Honoring Chief Buffalo. They do not have a long-term maintenance plan for the murals. Next year, they are looking at putting out a proposal for the bust of Chief Buffalo in the park and wanted to bring this to our attention. This was conceived between Imagine Canal Park through a grant and with Zeitgeist (Brooke) and the Indigenous Commission.

Eleanor was brought into the mix by Jason to bridge the gap in communication between DPAC and community partners for future projects and the use of the Project Proposal Form. Mary shared that we are here to help these projects along.

From Jason - It would be helpful to get an estimate for care should the bust happen. Grant money will be sought out. City Planning has submitted a letter of support.

- Superior Street Sandy, Mary

Superior Street - Sandy and Mary walked the street and looked at the bump outs. They counted 6 spots that are large and broad. This includes outside the Ordean Building. We will keep on researching bump out art. Sandy visited Bemidji. They have a First Friday Art Walk to encourage people to visit art. Sandy took several photos of what she saw downtown and made note of sponsors of each piece.

Mankato is another city that would be good to visit. They have an art crawl and then the community votes. All pieces are for sale.

- Conservation Jason, Ashley

Ashley with conservation - we are looking at the conservation proposal. Penny has a good idea of the condition of the pieces and knows the priority of needed maintenance. Penny went around and took photos and did some research. Through the assessment, there are several pieces needing maintenance. Penny gave her proposal to Ashley. September and October are the ideal months to do the conservation. Penny is open to a small number of volunteers. The potential cost not to exceed \$3,420.

VOTE:

Sandy makes the motion to move forward in our maintenance for the proposal for mentioned pieces not to exceed \$3,420 . Mary seconded. All in favor.

Ashley is willing to learn from Penny as another conservation resource. We will reach out to Epicurean about their components. Mary will email Dave. Jason will reach out to Greg at LOL if Dave doesn't get back to Mary. Reach out to Madonna at the DECC. For insurance liability for Penny, perhaps she is willing to sign for liability release. Jason will contact the volunteer coordinator and David Woodward from UMD. It could be good to use the student umbrella for conservation. We will look into an RFP for an additional resource. Perhaps annually or bi-annually. It could be beneficial to reach out to Kristin Sheronis for an idea of how to get an annual conservation done. (KCI)

Ashley has noticed a need for mural conservation, but it needs to be distinguished which are City owned or privately owned.

- NorShor Updates

The date for her to be ready: shooting for October. The ambition was to have it done in September. Sandy will reach out to Susan Martinson. Sandy would like the plaque at the site to say the name of the piece: History of Duluth Performing Arts, Commissioned by DPAC. Sandy will visit the site to get an idea for placement and research plaques.

- Leif Erickson

Ashley - St. Paul has a very similar statue with an identical inscription. The Leif Erickson boat made a visit at Festival of Sail.

- Airport Jodi

ART+CULTURE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Social Media Update Jodi
- Other Business *EJI Stele*
- Confirm next meeting date: **September 16, 2019**

TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- *City utility box wraps*

6:00 **Adjourn**

DPAC Mission Statement (approved 7.18.2016)

The Duluth Public Arts Commission fosters arts development and advocates for public art and arts events. It advises the City of Duluth on arts-related matters and promotes the positive economic impact the arts has in the community and the region. It also assists the City in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts and Culture Plan. The Duluth Public Arts Commission, in all its endeavors, is committed to inclusivity, collaboration and fairness.

Our meetings cross over, but we want to have a relationship with the Indigenous Commission.

Guests: Martha Ritter and Kit with the Weavers Guild located in the basement at the end of the very long hall. They are in the process of becoming a non-Profit and want to be more active in the community. There are 120 members including Duluth, Superior, Canada and more.