



Public Arts Commission

November 6, 2024

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Minutes

Call to Order

6:00 PM

Present

Josh Collins

Ryan Fugleberg

Gary Osterbauer

Kara Ruwart

Frank Sedzielarz

Maija Sedzielarz

Gary Swanson

Council Liaison: Ann Bolkcom

Staff Liaison: Scott Hickok

Absent

N/A

Approve of Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted

New Business

Definitions for the Policy Document

The Commission held a general discussion before they defined Public Art. The group expressed the desire to have Public Art defined. The Commission Reviewed Public Art definition precedents from research of other organizations.

Fridley Public Art Commission's definition of public art:

A work of art designed and or created by an artist or artist-led team located indoors or outdoors and visually and/or physically accessible to the public. It may include permanent visual art, performances, installations, events and temporary works.

Goals Defined For The Policy Document

After a general discussion of the need for goals that define what the Public Art would accomplish the following list was created:

- Foster community identity and spirit, encourage dialogue, and promote cultural enrichment.
- Create unique destinations or points of interest.
- Contribute to economic development through a creative arts program.
- Establish connections with city departments for planning and implementing public art programs. Actively engage with other governmental jurisdictions to partner and support these programs.
- Share goals and priorities for public art through citywide communication channels.
- Promote community involvement and cultivate civic pride by encouraging involvement with public art.
- Giving purpose to a location or site...
- Recognize and celebrate the area's changing history and
- Celebrate our community's heritage, ethnicity, commonality, and civic pride by stimulating collaboration and understanding between artists and Fridley's diverse community.
- Ensure long-term care and maintenance of a public art collection.
- Partnership with Fridley Arts Foundation in the long-term funding and viability of the program.
- Inspire creative thinking and innovation.

Frank Sedzielarz, Josh Collins, Ryan Fugleberg committed to gather via email to wordsmith the definition and goals prior to the December meeting.

Old Business

Scott Hickok provided a brief update on the Community Development Block Grant Application regarding the former Fire Station Number 3/North Suburban Center for the Arts Building. Mr. Hickok indicated that the staff at Anoka County are recommending approval of the application for \$350,000 to make accessibility and safety improvements to the building.

The next step in the process is the hearing before the Housing and Redevelopment Authority to consider and potentially approve the City's Application.

Staff for the Rum River Center for the Arts has indicated that their Board has expressed an interest in occupying the building if the accessibility improvements can be made. The Mak, the Director of the Rum River Arts Center will be attending the meeting in December to demonstrate their interest in the improvements and potentially occupying the space.

Other Items

None

Adjournment

7:56 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hickok
Recording Secretary