



Public Arts Commission

September 4, 2024

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Minutes

Call to Order

6:00 PM

Present

Josh Collins
Gary Osterbauer
Kara Ruwart
Frank Sedzielarz
Maija Sedzielarz
Gary Swanson

Mayor, Scott Lund
Donna Bahls
Serge
Greg Gardner
Susan Blakeslee
Don Blakeslee

Guest:
Sue Gens, Director MN State Arts Board

Staff Liaison:
Scott Hickok

Absent

Ryan Fugleberg
Council Liaison: Ann Bolkcom

Approve of Meeting Minutes

Minutes approved as submitted

New Business

Mayor Lund invited and introduced Sue Jens from the State Arts Board to discuss our foundation, Grants, State Funding. Those in attendance went around the room and introduced themselves and identified their affiliation with the Arts Commission, or the Creative Arts Foundation.

Sue Gens Provided an introduction of herself and a brief introduction of what the Minnesota State Arts Board does and who it is staffed by. Gens indicated that the Board is an executive branch agency established in 1903, by the State Legislature, as such is one of the oldest Arts Boards in the Country.

Gens continued, the organization makes grants to individuals and organizations throughout Minnesota. They also serve as a statewide network for regional arts councils. They provide advice to various State agencies regarding art. And, they manage the Minnesota *Percent for Art in Public Places Program*.

Gens indicated that in the 2022 – 2023 Biennium, the Arts Board and regional arts councils together reviewed 7,624 grant applications, 5,309 grants were given, \$80,507,604 dollars were awarded, and 24,68,934 people participated in funded activities. Of those participating \$.3 Million were under 18 years of age.

Gens stated that Public art creates a legacy and investment for future generations, celebrates heritage, identity, and culture. Public art also helps us remember and creates gathering places.

The Minnesota Legislature established the state's public art program in 1984. Minnesota Statute 16B.35, states, *"An appropriation for the construction or alteration of any State building may contain an amount not to exceed one percent of the total appropriation for the building for the acquisition of works of art, excluding landscaping, which may be part of its building or its grounds or capable of being displayed in other state buildings. Money used for this purpose is available only for the acquisition of works of art to be exhibited in areas of a building or its grounds accessible, on a regular basis, to members of the public."*

Funding Paths

Old Business

None

Other Items

Adjournment

7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Hickok
Recording Secretary