



Public Arts Commission Meeting

August 07, 2024

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) Approve Revised June 12, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes
- [2.](#) Approve July 10, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

New Business

- [3.](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Public Arts Commission
- [4.](#) Review of Concepts and Selection of Location for Art by Artist Jessica Turtle

Old Business

- [5.](#) Review Research Completed by Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz

Other Items

- [6.](#) Reminder September Meeting will include Guest Sue Gens to Discuss State Funding for Public Art
- [7.](#) Approve 2025 Public Arts Commission Meeting Dates

Adjournment

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Julianne Beberg, Office Coordinator

Title

Approve June 12, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Background

Approve June 12, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Financial Impact

Recommendation

Approve June 12, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments and Other Resources

- June 12, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Vision Statement

We believe Fridley will be a safe, vibrant, friendly and stable home for families and businesses.



Public Arts Commission

June 12, 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

Staff Liaison: Scott Hickok

Absent

Council Liaison: Ann Bolkcom

Approve of Meeting Minutes

N/A

New Business

Introduction of Kara Ruwart, newest Council appointed Commissioner. Commissioner Ruwart provided a detailed background of her interest in and her work in art. The Commissioners welcomed Ruwart and provided a brief introduction of themselves as well.

Contract Review for Artist, The Commission Reviewed the proposed language for the contract between the Artist and agencies of the City of Fridley and the Rice Creek Watershed District. A general discussion ensued with overall agreement on the language. The commission also reviewed the language questioned by, or needing refinement as requested by the Artist. Again, the consensus was that the language and Artist requested modifications appeared reasonable and supported.

Old Business

501C3 Progress Report Scott Hickok explained the work being completed by Mayor Lund in forming the non-profit. The Mayor has selected the Board members. Two of the final three members selected were selected from a group of three individuals who had indicated an interest in being involved in the

Public Arts Initiative. After interviewing the candidates, the decision was made that Kara Ruwart would be appointed to the Commission and the other two interested parties would be on the non-profit Board.

Now that the name and the board members have been selected, the Mayor has sought legal assistance on the IRS portions of the non-profit formation to assure proper legal steps have been considered.

Filing of the non-profit with the Secretary of State will be the next order of business.

Other Items

Debrief on June 1, 2024, City Open House The Commission discussed their experiences at the open house. Overall the experience was positive. Comments regarding the area under the canopy point to additional work necessary for the safety of park users. Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz was aware of a fall during the event that was clearly related to the varying surface levels being difficult to make out as a person walks through the area. Scott Hickok explained that safety features were planned into furniture (that had not yet been installed) and other demarcation that would guide users avoid such accidents in the future.

Commissioners were generally pleased with the event. A comment regarding parking working out for the event, due to turnover, was noted.

TEDx Talk – Public Art Commissioner Frank Sedzielarz provided a TEDx Talk on public Art. The speaker was Jack Becker, of Forecast Public Art. Retired after 42 years Jack Becker directed Public Art with Forecast from 1978 – 2016. Becker’s TEDx discussion was both inspired and inspiring for the Commission. The importance of public art to the community was an important theme for the presentation. Examples of public art initiatives given were incredible and similar projects in Fridley doable.

On-Boarding Manual Scott Hickok indicated that the On-Boarding Manual had been prepared by Danielle Herrick in the City Clerks office and was being offered as an educational element of the packet. The Council manual also allows the Commission members to see what is provided for new Council members and allows a glimpse into the future Commissioner Packet that is being prepared currently.

Ryan Fugleberg commented that the Commission should be focusing on the criteria and priorities for selecting art as we move forward and consider our policy recommendations.

Adjournment

8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hickok

Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

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Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Julianne Beberg, Office Coordinator

Title

Approve July 10, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Background

Approve July 10, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Financial Impact

Recommendation

Approve July 10, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments and Other Resources

- July 10, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Vision Statement

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Public Arts Commission

July 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Minutes

Call to Order

6:00 PM

Present

Josh Collins
Ryan Fugleberg
Mayor, Scott Lund
Gary Osterbauer
Kara Ruwart
Frank Sedzielarz
Maija Sedzielarz
Gary Swanson

Staff Liaison: Scott Hickok

Absent

Council Liaison: Ann Bolkcom

Approve of Meeting Minutes

Maija Sedzielarz offered the correction indicating that Ryan Fugleberg's comment regarding art selection criteria and priorities was missed.

Also, the header template has the date of the minute preparation, not of the meeting.

No other corrections or comments were received regarding the June 12, 2024, Minutes.

New Business

Contract Review for Artist, The Commission reviewed the language approved for the contract between the Artist and agencies of the City of Fridley and the Rice Creek Watershed District. A general discussion ensued.

Commissioner Collins asked if Mary T. (crooner's owner,) has asked to have some sort of recognition plaque for her donation. Collins indicated that may be a way to encourage other interested in making donations in the interest of art.

Scott Hickok asked the commission to look at the provisions in the Code and if there was a way to shorten the 60-day timeframe between contract signing, art location, and artist concept approval. it might help the artist in the timeline for preparing the art. It was written that the art would be ready by December 1st.

A discussion of open meeting dates for commissioners and schedules ensued.

Review of Public Input Map for Art Locations

Commissioner Fugleberg began the discussion and pointed out the fact that the east west connections in Fridley could use art to draw attention to things like the Historical Society, Harris Pond, the Rice Creek Regional Park. Commissioner Sedzielarz thought the places where Rice Creek crosses Highway 65, University Avenue, and East River Road, art calling attention to the creek would be good placement locations.

Mayor Lund suggested the underpass at Mississippi Street and the Rail would be a good location for murals. Lund also thought the parklet by St. Williams Church would be a great location for placement.

Commissioner Ruwart pointed out that music can be art, she suggested that there are some public art pieces that are interactive and can create music. Music performances themselves are a form of temporary public art. Commissioner Ruwart also mentioned the Maple Grove Chalk Art display as a good example of public art. Ruwart also suggested chess boards at Commons Park as interactive Art.

A general discussion ensued regarding memorable art installations in Minnesota Communities such as Lindstrom, Coffee pot water tower, bobber water tower, Spring Lake Park's water tower, Olivia's Corn Cob Tower, a Rochester example and Pequot lakes. The question was asked when Fridley's towers are going to be repainted.

The Commission seemed to concur that an Ox Cart sculpture along East River Road, near the cemetery would be an appropriate location and installation.

Commissioner Ruwart suggested a welcome sculpture or element on the Civic campus in various languages.

Commissioner Sedzielarz indicated that the idea of an Egret or other sculpture at Springbrook came from Neal Hayford, Springbrook Nature Center Volunteer. Commissioner Sedzielarz reminded the Commission that a large Beaver lay structure has already been approved, yet to be installed, as a play structure at the Nature Center.

Commissioner Collins suggested that it would be great if each of the parks had something to signify the City's interest in art and further the Community interest.

Commissioner Frank Sedzielarz suggested that the Dunes and the Meadowlands were locations that he was thinking of for a public art piece. He continued, the Northern Stacks has been such an important location to the City and its history. Seven thousand employees at one time and so many significant things have happened there, an enormous environmental clean-up that a piece could/should be considered there.

Commissioner Osterbauer suggested a location in the Innsbruck Nature Center. Sedzielarz said since we don't have a Main Street, it would be good to have art that balances the City out. General Mills towers and the medians in our roadways may be good locations, he thought.

Speaking of balance, he continued that a second piece of art in Moore Lake Park may be nice, to create symmetry.

Review Each Commissioner's top 3 Locations for Public Art

A general discussion ensued as each commissioner had voiced their interests and location ideas in the previous agenda discussion (above).

Old Business

None

Other Items

Mayor Lund indicated that he would like to invite Sue Jens from the State Arts Board to discuss our foundation, Grants, State Funding. He suggested the September meeting and indicated he would like to invite the newly appointed Board of Directors to meet the Commission.

Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz indicated that she is researching several sources, organizations, and influential people in the public art world such as; Metropolitan Regional Arts Board, Minnesota Arts Board, Silverwood Sculpture Commissioning, Public Art St. Paul, Mary Altman, Springboard for the Arts. She indicated she would share the information as she accumulates it.

Adjournment

7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hickok

Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 7, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Public Arts Commission

Background

Each Commission in the City of Fridley has a Chair and a Vice Chair, nominated and elected by the Commission. The role of the Chair is to call the meeting to order, preside over the meeting and to keep order and efficiency on track as meetings are held. The Vice Chair's role is one of standing in for the Chair in the event of an absence. In many City Commissions, the Chair of a Commission also serves as a member of the Planning Commission to weave the information into and keep the Planning Commission apprised of what is happening at the various other Commissions.

Currently, there are seven members of the Planning Commission and those not tied to a Commission are simply considered members at large. Once an opening occurs in an At-Large position, the Mayor may choose to fill that position with the Chair of the Public Arts Commission. That decision would be in the will of the Mayor and Council and is an uncertainty at this time.

Please, as you nominate your Chair and Vice Chair, discuss the commitment to and possibility of attending the Planning Commission as well. Consider your flexibility if called. The Planning Commission generally meets one night a month on the third Wednesdays and meets only as project demands that month require. There have been months with no meetings. The Wednesday for the Planning Commission will never overlap with the Wednesday for the Art Commission.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair at their meeting of August 7, 2024

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

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Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Review of Concepts and Selection of Location for Art by Artist Jessica Turtle

Background

Though originally the August meeting was to be set aside for a tour of discussed locations for Public Art, time was determined to be better spent reviewing Jessica Turtle's concepts and desired location for the art piece at Moore Lake Park. For simplicity, the group was also broken into a 2:00 session (regular meeting time for the Park's Master Plan Group), and our group. Since we wanted to be careful to respect the Parks Master Plan team, while having the Public Arts Commission express their desire for concept and placement independently. Once the Commission has had their presentation and made their choice, we will reveal what option the Park's Master Plan Team favored. If we are all unified in our view, we can send the artist off to get working on the project. If on the other hand, there is a difference of opinion. We will work out the differences first and then turn the artist loose later.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission confer and determine its choice of concept and location.

Attachments and Other Resources

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Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Review Research Completed by Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz

Background

As Mentioned during the July10, 2024 meeting, Commissioner Sedzielarz volunteered to research several policies, art funding and art selection criteria resources and from that research has updates to present. Sedzielarz has asked to have a common drop area for information any of our Commissioners have or documents that the group feels would be appropriate to share with the Commission. As you may have noted, a drop area has now been created for documents or communications between meetings as we prepare for our next meeting or find topics or items to share with the Commission.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Commission study the work of Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz at their meeting of August 7, 2024

Attachments and Other Resources

- N/A

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Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Reminder September Meeting will include Guest Sue Gens to Discuss State Funding for Public Art

Background

Mayor Lund has invited Sue Gens, Executive Director of the State Arts Board, State of Minnesota to meet the Fridley Public Arts Commission and to discuss funding possibilities for the City of Fridley. Mayor Lund has also invited the brand-new Board of Directors from the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation (501C3), to hear the discussion.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the Commission meet, greet and learn what funding Possibilities Exist for the City of Fridley.

Attachments and Other Resources

- N/A

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Title

Approve 2025 Public Arts Commission Meeting Dates

Background

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Financial Impact

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Recommendation

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Attachments and Other Resources

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION

Memorandum

DATE: August 7, 2024

TO: Public Arts Commission Members

FROM: Julianne Beberg, Office Coordinator

SUBJECT: Proposed 2025 Public Arts Commission Meeting Dates

The following dates are for your review and approval of the proposed 2025 Public Arts Commission meeting dates.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
8	5	5	2	7	4	9	6	3	1	5	3