



Public Arts Commission Meeting

October 02, 2024
6:00 PM
Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes for Meeting of September 4, 2024

New Business

2. Guest Syed Halil to Discuss Public Art Proposal for Commons Park

Old Business

3. TEAMS Introduction and Tutorial

Other Items

Adjournment

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- Yog tias koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus los sis txhais ntaub ntawv dawb, ces thov tiv tauj rau Lub Nroog cov neeg ua hauj lwm.
- Haddii aad u baahan tahay tarjumaad bilaash ah ama kaalmo tarjumaad, fadlan la xiriir shaqaalaha Magaalada.

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 26, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Approval of Meeting Minutes for Meeting of September 4, 2024

Background

Attached please find the Minutes of the Public Arts Commission Meeting of September 4, 2024. Please review and offer edits as necessary or approve as appropriate.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff recommends review and approval of minutes submitted

Focus on Fridley Strategic Alignment

☒ Vibrant Neighborhoods & Places	☒ Community Identity & Relationship Building
☐ Financial Stability & Commercial Prosperity	☐ Public Safety & Environmental Stewardship
☐ Organizational Excellence	

Attachments and Other Resources

Minutes of Public Arts Commission Meeting of September 4, 2024

Vision Statement

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



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 identified by Sue Gens were State of Minnesota Capital Investment Budget, bonding for state agencies and political subdivisions, cash appropriations for non-profits and tribal government, Up to 1% appropriation may be used to purchase or commission art.

The Core Elements for Percent for Art projects were described as, Selection Committee, Competitive process, and Community engagement are important pieces. Six Grant programs were identified they were: Operating Support, Accessible Arts, Arts Education, Cultural Expression, Arts Experiences for individuals, 501C3's public entities, fiscally sponsored groups, \$5,000 - \$35,000, and Creative Individuals and culture bearers \$2,000 - \$10,000. There is one deadline per year and the link is:

<https://www.arts.state.mn.us/calendar/>

Advice for Grant Seekers was also offered including: Listening to a panel review meeting, Review of grants awarded, Request copies of applications, serve as an advisor, attend an info session, schedule time to talk to a program officer.

Trolls of Detroit Lakes was an example of the economic opportunity offered by the presentation of Public Art.

A general discussion ensued amongst meeting participants.

Old Business

None

Other Items

Adjournment

7:53 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hickok

Recording Secretary



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 2, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Guest Syed Halil to Discuss Public Art Proposal for Commons Park

Background

Nathan Sheferaw, A former Fridley resident and inspiration to youth was killed in a single car crash in San Jose on May 7th of this year. Sheferaw owned Shifty's Premium Cuts Barber Shop in Mounds View. Friends said that Nathan had "an amazing impact on kids." And the respect he had for people was amazing. Sheferaw had many Timberwolves Basketball players as his clients at his Barber shop. Nathan Sheferaw was also said to be the youngest owner of a barber school in Minnesota.

In a KARE 11 interview before his death, Sheferaw said, "When people ask me what separates myself from other barbers, obviously I have a love for the craft of barbering but the entrepreneurship side of it-where I'd be able to change other kid's lives like how my life was changed by my mentor-really intrigues me. That's something I look forward to."

In another part of the KARE 11 story a young man tells how he had begun cutting hair for friends at school, until his razor broke. The young man went to visit Shifty's in Mounds View and came home with a new razor. That young man was so inspired he later became a barber at Sheferaw's Shifty's Barber Shop.

Syed Halil and friends of Nathan Sheferaw would like to commission a memorial to their friend who attended Fridley High School and loved to play basketball at the court in Commons Park. Halil has an artist that does murals, who would like to either provide a mural on the Court surface, or near the court to honor Mr. Sheferaw.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the Commission meet, greet and learn about Mr. Halil's interest in an addition of Public Art for Commons Park Fridley.

Attachments and Other Resources

Vision Statement

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TEAMS Introduction and Tutorial

Background

As Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz researched, she gathered her research materials and asked if there could be a place, a central depository that would allow her to share the materials. The Fridley IT Department created a TEAMS account for each of the members of the Commission.

On July 31, 2024, a TEAMS group was created and on or about that date an email was sent to each of the Commissioners alerting them of the TEAMS group and providing some basic information.

If you have not seen that email, you may want to check your incoming email history and check your filters if it is not evident.

TEAMS is intuitive, but like anything new a tutorial may be helpful to walk you through the features and to provide instructions of how to use TEAMS as a communication tool and information depository. I have attached a TEAMS tutorial as an attachment below. Please copy this into your browser and familiarize yourself with the application.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the Commission meet, greet and welcome the new members of the Fridley creative Arts Foundation Board.

Attachments and Other Resources

- <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/office/microsoft-teams-video-training-4f108e54-240b-4351-8084-b1089f0d21d7>

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