



Public Arts Commission

May 7, 2025

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Minutes

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:00

Present

Josh Collins, Chair
Ryan Fugleberg, Vice Chair
Gary Osterbauer
Kara Ruwart
Frank Sedzielarz
Maija Sedzielarz
Gary Swanson

Absent

Scott Lund, President Fridley Creative Arts Foundation

Also Present

Ann Bolkom, Council Liaison.
Mike Maher, Parks and Recreation Director and Staff Liaison the Public Arts Commission
Jesslyn Quiram, Engineering Technician and Staff Liaison the Public Arts Commission
Scott Hickok, Community Development Director and Staff Liaison the Public Arts Commission

Approve of Meeting Minutes

Approval of April 2, 2025, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Frank Sedzielarz indicated that there was a misspelling of Maija in the minutes in one location.

With no other corrections, the chair called for a motion. Motion by Fugleberg, second by Ruwart. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Artist Response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ), our call for artists.

The Board prepared to discuss the nineteen artists that submitted their RFQ documents by the deadline May 2, 2025.

Before the meeting commenced, staff taped the names of the 19 artists on the wall in a horizontal line, each Commissioner then removed their top two artists submitted images from their packets and placed them under the names of the artists who prepared that sculpture.

A pattern emerged as the commission completed this task of identifying their favorite pieces. The Commission then discussed each artist, their likes and dislikes, and eliminated those where it was clear that the art wouldn't fit the setting, or there would not be consensus amongst the group to advance the artist to the interview round.

After much dialog considering all applications, the Commissioners chose the top candidates they preferred to interview after the Commissioners had announced their top two artists, staff revealed that the top two that they picked matched staff's top 2 in the scoring process that they used as well. The two artists were selected were Ken McCall from Garden City, Idaho, and CJ Rench from Hood River, Oregon. State

The Board concluded that interviews would be set for 6:00 PM CST and 7:00 PM CST on May 14, 2025. The interviews would be virtual, and Jesslyn Quiram would prepare the invitations.

Old Business

None

Other Items

None

Adjournment

Chair Collins called for a motion to adjourn. Gary Osterbauer made the Motion, the motion was seconded by Kara Ruwart, vote was unanimous and the meeting Adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Hickok
Recording Secretary