



Public Arts Commission Meeting

December 04, 2024

6:00 PM

Fridley Civic Campus, 7071 University Ave N.E.

Agenda

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- [1.](#) Approve November 6, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

New Business

Old Business

- [2.](#) Public Art Priority Locations as Defined by the Public Arts Commission to Date
- [3.](#) Public Art Recommended Goals Discussion

Other Items

Adjournment

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- Haddii aad u baahan tahay tarjumaad bilaash ah ama kaalmo tarjumaad, fadlan la xiriir shaqaalaha Magaalada.

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AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 4, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Julianne Beberg, Office Coordinator

Title

Approve November 6, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Background

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Financial Impact

Recommendation

Approve November 6, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Attachments and Other Resources

- November 6, 2024, Public Arts Commission Minutes

Vision Statement

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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



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Meeting Date: December 4, 2024

Meeting Type: Public Arts Commission

Submitted By: Scott Hickok, Community Development Director

Title

Public Art Priority Locations as Defined by the Public Arts Commission to Date

Background

At the November meeting Commissioner Maija Sedzielarz asked that staff provide the list of priority locations for Public Art as discussed in previous conversations by the Public Arts Commission. The Idea was that this list could then be further evaluated at the December meeting to refine the recommendation to the top 3 – 5 priority locations to seek Council Approval and allow the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation to begin fundraising for art in those locations.

The locations defined thus far are as follows:

- Civic Campus Plaza and Walking Loop
- Locke Park (Near Creek) along Rice Creek West Regional Trail
- Another piece to balance or create symmetry with the new sculpture at Moore Lake Park
- The Dunes
- 61st and University Parklet
- Near Cemetery on East River Road
- Median at University (north of 694)
- Parks (generally)
- Civic Campus West Plaza
- East/West Arteries (e.g. Mississippi Street)
- Where Rice Creek Crosses Main North/South routes
- Rail Bridge over Mississippi Street (underpass)
- Northern Stacks/Forgotten Star
- General Mills Towers

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the Commission select its top 3-5 priority public art locations, to recommend to Council and if approved by Council to allow the Fridley Creative Arts Foundation to begin Fund Raising, based on those specific locations for the art.

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Attachments and Other Resources

- N/A

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Public Art Recommended Goals Discussion

Background

After the October meeting a subcommittee of the Public Arts Commission met to discuss a preferred road map for the November and December agendas. That sub-committee decided that the November meeting would focus on defining Public art and the Commission's goals they would like to recommend as it relates to the Public Art. The agenda then for December would be to further refine those goals and to then focus on priority locations to recommend for placement or creation of Public Art.

After studying and researching examples of these goals from various organizations the Commission prepared the following list of goals of their own. The goals were listed as follows:

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The thinking continues and good questions were asked, such as: as we look at these goals, did we intend them as goals for the Commission, or are they goals for the art?

The question leaves us at a perfect position to now at the December meeting further define the Commissions intent for the goals and to settle on goals that allow the proper messaging and guidance.

Financial Impact

Absorbed

Recommendation

Staff Recommends the Commission settle on both the goals and intent of the goals at this December meeting.

Attachments and Other Resources

- N/A

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