



**Public Art Steering Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, April 14, 2025**  
**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**Wayzata Community Room, 600 Rice St E**

**1. Roll Call**

Committee Members: Councilmember Alex Plechash, Councilmember Molly MacDonald, Judd Nelson, Roger Miller, and Joanie Cunningham.

City Staff: Community Development Director Alex Sharpe, Communications Coordinator Liv Marrantino, Parks and Environment Planner Nick Kieser.

**2. Approve Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by MacDonald, seconded by Cunningham. Approved unanimously.

**3. Approve March 3, 2025 Minutes**

Motion to approve agenda by MacDonald, seconded by Cunningham. Approved unanimously.

**4. Review Draft Purpose and Responsibilities of Public Art Committee**

The Committee reviewed the draft purpose statement and associated purpose points. There was general consensus that the purpose statement and listed points are acceptable as written.

Miller observed that the first four responsibilities listed constitute the core duties of the Committee. He raised the question of whether the strategic plan referenced is synonymous with the Committee's work plan. Staff noted that the long-term strategic plan would be similar to an annual work plan for the Committee. Miller also asked whether the Committee, as a longstanding advisory body, should be involved in reviewing private art installations that are publicly accessible. He expressed concern about the clarity of Responsibility #3, particularly regarding its

reference to private art that is accessible to the public. He also questioned whether the Committee is expected to review public art installed on longstanding or pre-existing buildings.

Councilmember Plechash clarified that his understanding was that the Committee's purview would be limited to public art only, but is open for that discussion. The Committee generally agreed that some level of review should occur for privately installed art pieces intended for public interaction or visibility.

The Committee furthered this discussion, in such cases—particularly with new developments—art proposals should be reviewed by the Public Art Committee, which would provide a recommendation. Conversely, private art installations on private property that are not subject to a development review or city approval process would not fall under the Committee's jurisdiction.

The Committee agreed that its role should be to prevent the installation of inappropriate or low-quality art in prominent locations. Generally, the scope of the Committee's review should be limited to commercial and multifamily residential properties, excluding single-family residential properties.

There was general agreement that Responsibility #4 may be redundant, as it is already addressed in the City's existing donation policies, and therefore could be removed. Additionally, the Committee suggested that Responsibilities #3 and #5 could be combined to better reflect the goal of integrating public art into the public realm in a manner that aligns with the City's values. Regarding Responsibility #6, the Committee agreed on the importance of maximizing public engagement in the selection and implementation of new public art.

Staff will bring forward a final draft of the bylaws to the next meeting for the Committee's review.

## **5. Discuss Public Art Committee Composition**

The Committee discussed the proposed composition of its membership. It was suggested that representation from the Chamber of Commerce may not be necessary; however, having a business owner serve on the Committee could provide valuable insight, particularly given that many public art installations are funded by the business community.

There was general agreement that certain bullet points regarding Committee composition could be combined for clarity. The Committee also expressed support for including a student member to bring a youth perspective. Additionally, it was agreed that up to two Committee members may reside outside of the City of Wayzata.

**6. Next Meeting – Monday, May 12**

The Committee decided to reschedule the May meeting to Monday, May 19.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Chair Plechash, seconded by McDonald at 6:00 PM. Approved unanimously.