

**EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
EDINA CITY HALL  
CITY OF EDINA, MINNESOTA  
December 6, 2012  
4: 00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Barbara La Valleur called the meeting to order at 4: 00 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Answering roll call: Bernice Amacher, Pat Beaver, Walt Gregg, Barbara La Valleur, Sarah Rose, Lynn Rudick.

Members absent: Mark Lidke, Bill McCabe and Anna Pugh

Art Center Staff present: Michael Frey, Anne Spooner

**III. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA**

Approved as stated.

**IV: ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Approved as stated.

**V: COMMUNITY COMMENT**

Visitors Fay Ellison and Diana Thompson were present and introduced themselves.

**VI: REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Financial Report/New Donations**

Mr. Frey reported the following financial update sent via email from Mr. McCabe:

CITY BALANCE	
TOTAL REVENUES*	\$ 63,789.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>71,146.32</u>
EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	\$ (7,357.27)
2012 FUNDS	
2012 BUDGET 2012	\$ 10,000.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES 2012	(6,250.00)
SUPPLIES 2012	(743.33)
BALANCE 2012	\$ 3,006.67
EDINA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**	<u>1,002.00</u>
TOTAL	<b>\$ 4,008.67</b>

\*\$3,038.12 received with water bill payments in 2012

\*\*Reflects \$64 additional City employee contributions

Mr. Frey explained how donations made through utility bills are used to lower the balance of the Art Glass window at city hall. With the total payment received of \$3,038.12 for 2012, it was estimated that it will take two to three more years to pay off the debt. Ms. Amacher remarked

that residents of the nearby condominiums do not actually receive a utility bill and do not have the opportunity to donate. Ms. La Valleur offered to look into this with her condo association. All agreed that more publicity is needed to increase donations. Ms. La Valleur's recent article featuring the three winners of the People's Choice for the Sun Current has not yet been published but it has appeared on the Sun Current's website. Your City Your Art donation postcards need updating with the current phone number for Edina Art Center.

#### **B. Budget Request for 2013**

Ms. La Valleur also reported that she presented the EPAC 2013 budget request of \$20,000 to City Council on December 4, 2012. Budgets will be finalized at the December 18, 2012 Council meeting.

Future requests for funding will be included in the Art Center budget. There will be a line item in the budget for EPAC. The city has switched to a two year budget cycle. The current request letter will be for 2013 only. Moving forward, the two year budget will be for 2014-2015.

#### **C. "The Healing" Donation Discussion & Recommendation**

The committee continued the conversation held over from the November meeting to discuss the possible donation of the sculpture by Joel Carter, the artist. There have been three reports of vandalism during the summer on the sculpture. Mr. Carter has successfully repaired all damages with no cost to the committee. Mr. Carter has suggested that an expansion to include two or three more small pods with rock towers would enhance a permanent display. He has offered to do that at no extra charge. Ms. La Valleur reported that the artist, Lois Ring, former Chair; Tom Shirley, Centennial Lakes Park director and she visited the site in the fall and Mr. Shirley agreed to have his staff put in the pods. Mr. Frey recommended that placement of "under surveillance" warning signs be added to the sculpture area first. All were in agreement. Mr. Frey offered to research costs and to determine the best manufacturing source.

**Following the discussion, Ms. Amacher moved and Mr. Gregg seconded to recommend that EPAC and the EAC Board recommend that City Council approve the donation of "The Healing". Motion carried.**

#### **D. Edina Sculpture Book Status Report**

Ms. La Valleur is close to completion of the second edition of the Edina Sculptures book. There are three extra pages and the cost including tax will be \$50.00 per book.

**Mr. Gregg made a motion and Ms. Beaver seconded to order 30 copies of the new sculpture book. Motion carried.**

#### **E. City Hall Sculpture Books**

No discussion at this time.

#### **F. Utility Boxes Wrapped in Art - Discussion & Recommendation**

More research is needed and Ms. La Valleur, Ms. Amacher and Mr. Gregg agreed to work together on this. The material used to wrap utility boxes lasts longer than a painted image and is less expensive. No word yet from Ms. Pugh as to whether there are interested Edina High School students who want to participate. They will gather more information about this possible project from Scott Neal and the utility department. Conversation about this will continue at the February 7, 2013 meeting.

## **G. Other**

### **I. Sculpture Rotation**

Discussion ensued about changing the rotation of sculptures from every year to every two years. Members weighed the pros and cons. Mr. Frey remarked how a great deal of work goes into a yearly call for sculptures. Ms. La Valleur responded that there will be fewer spots to fill in 2013. The decision was put on hold until after Dec. 18 in order to see whether the 2013 fund request is approved as this could affect the decision regarding the rotation schedule.

### **II. QR Codes**

**Ms. La Valleur made a motion and Ms. Rudick seconded, that EPAC have QR Codes placed next to each sculpture. Motion carried. The QR codes would have information about the sculptures, artists, EAC, EPAC and how to donations.** Previous QR codes were created by the City's Communications Department. They will be contacted about this decision.

## **VII: ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. La Valleur invited the visitors to contact her if they were interested in joining EPAC.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.