

EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
from April 19, 2005 9:30AM

Present: Linda Kieffer, Chair; Brad Benn, Kristen Christianson Pat Greer, Diana Hedges, Betty Hemstad, Kay Wetherall,

Absent: Dick Crockett, Linda Masica

Introduced: Mark Wilkening New Director of Development for the Edina Community Foundation.

City Hall Architect, David Kroos and City Manager, Gordon Hughes attended

The glass project was presented to David Kroos who discussed the process that Vadnais Heights had gone through in their project. He felt it was important to not cover too much of the windows especially in the West facade and to keep the colors light and the design abstract. He stressed the importance of choosing an artist who understands what we want. He approve the ideas presented to enhance and not detract from the building. He will send a note of approval and will cooperate in the artist selection.

The workshop with City Council on April 5 was discussed and it was noted that they approved proceeding with the RFQ step since any final design would still have to be approved. A vote is still pending on the water bill fundraising plan.

Final changes were suggested for the RFQ. Brad will change and put in PDF format for inclusion on our website and other places that publish artists' opportunities We will print about 50.

We have not yet received a quote for the pedestals. Size question was raised. Linda thought 16x16", but will check. Betty commented they should be big enough not to be a tippy hazard but not so big as to crowd the hall. Diana suggested we make a cardboard mockup to get a feel for the size. The architect liked this idea too.

Crosstown Camera Club is still working on the Salon project for the Community Room and framing the Art Dickey photos. They will frame 40 and hang in the hall as many as look good. The extras can be hung in other places.

An EPAC logo was discussed. Diana and Betty will work on it with Vicki Holmuth of Larson Design.

Funding was discussed with Mark who said he and Dick would discuss it further before the next meeting. Diana mentioned that she had talked with Sandy Clark who planned to keep her philanthropy at the Art Center and that the Kelly family probably wanted their philanthropy to be for family and children's programming. The council should decide soon if we can go ahead with water bill donations. Mark mentioned that those people who sign on might be prospects for further appeals. Brad suggested that those who do sign on should get thank-you notes from the committee. We do need to do more publicity before the notice goes out. Possibly in the first water bill after approval if there are still accounting procedures to set up before it can finally go out.

Linda commented that we needed to be in on the ground floor with things like the 50th and France redevelopment to be sure that public art is included. Mark showed some photos of public art in Burnsville.

Diana reported that we are doing research about Fine Art Councils to see how other Arts groups are structured. Diana has a meeting on Thursday with Susan Anderson from Bloomington Center for the Arts. The idea is to possibly have an Edina Fine Arts Commission, which would combine the Arts groups in Edina. For instance a Fine Arts Council would include: the Edina Art Center, the Edina Public Arts Committee, and an Edina Performing Arts Committee. This issue is on the agenda for the Edina Art Center April 28 Board meeting. She will report back at the next EPAC meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 3 at 9:30am in the Community Room.