

EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
from May 3, 2005 9:35AM

Attending: Linda Kieffer, Chair; Brad Benn, Dick Crockett, Pat Greer, Diana Hedges, Betty Hemstad

Minutes were approved amending the title of Mark Wilkening to Director of Donor Relations.

RFQ can be mailed soon and posted on our website under call for artists

Awaiting quotes on pedestals they will be colored concrete with a plastic vitrine on top. There will likely be lettering on the sides to identify the department. It was noted that the architect didn't like the hanging signs. Also noted that the architect is the artist for these pedestals so we shouldn't get too much into the details.

Crosstown Camera Club and Art Dickey projects are moving forward

Betty and Diana took the logo draft to Vicki Homuth at Larson Design for refinement. They quoted \$800 but might be able to give us a discount. It was decided that we should get a second opinion or bid. Betty will contact Jennifer. Pat Greer said she had a name too.

Diana was excused.

Dick reported that three teak benches have been purchased for the circular plaza on the south side of City Hall with funds donated to the Foundation's City Hall Art Fund by a retiring City Hall employee (Sandra Anderson) and the two Rotary clubs in the community. There was no input from the EPAC. Also noted that the Grandview Plaza project is underway.

Betty expressed concern as to who will be asked for donations for what project. Dick said the foundation will handle that and needs input as to priorities.

Dick mentioned that the Peggy Kelly Fund for the Art Center is up to \$17,000. He commented that Mike Kelly had wanted to support that to the level of \$10,000 and it went well beyond without support so we may be able to approach the family about funding other projects. He also suggested it might be well to keep that fund open and use it as seed for annual fundraising.

Linda reported that Diana is working on a proposal for the more formal organization of the Committee.

It may be suggested that there be an Arts Commission appointed by and reporting to the City Council. The Art Center Board, the Public Art Committee and a future Performing Arts Committee would report to the Commission who's responsibility might include fundraising for all arts.

Linda expressed concern for whether a decision on the Utility bill check off for the Arts would have to wait until the organization was settled.

Gordon Hughes was asked to come in to clarify a few things. He said he would check on the above question but that likely any funding raised by that check off would be controlled by the Art Commission, if established. He said the \$25,000 budget was for the Public Art Committee.

Gordon was congratulated for the fact that the International Interior Design Association recognized Edina City Hall for fresh, artistic and brilliant design resolution in an award in the government category. Also the June or July issue of Architecture Minnesota will feature the Edina City Hall.

The committee wondered if that could be celebrated in some way. Betty thought the Open House after the parade would be a wonderful annual tradition but Gordon felt it was too much work to put it on. Brad thought a celebration like that would be a good place to get exposure for the committee's plans once the status is approved. We need to publicize the projects before we start fundraising for them.

Linda said that Diana suggested that EPAC have a presence at the Art Center booth at the Edina Art Fair.

Question was raised as to when some organizations make their funding decisions. Dick said the Federated Women's Club makes their decisions in December. We were third last year but un-funded.

Linda passed out the Artscape brochure and asked for changes for next printing by next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 17 @ 9:30 AM in the Community Room