

**Edina Public Art Committee-MINUTES-10/7/10  
Community Room, Edina City Hall, 4:00p.m.**

Present: Bernice Amacher, Brad Benn, Rick Fesler, Naomi Griffith, Diana Hedges, Amy Kerber, Bill McCabe, Lois Ring, Anne Spooner and Ruth Valgema.

September minutes accepted as corrected.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Lois Ring reported a total of \$423 in button sales.

Diana Hedges reported that at the recent City Council working session, members of the City Council were very supportive of Edina Public Art and she is hopeful regarding funding for 2011.

Lois Ring thanked Diana Hedges for making the presentation at the recent City Council meeting.

Diana Hedges also reminded everyone about Taste of Creativity, a silent auction taking place November 4th to raise funds that will benefit EAC, EPAC and Fairview Auxiliary. She encouraged all to attend this important event.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Lois Ring presented a draft of the insert promoting public art and the Edina Art Center's Media Studio to go into the utility bill. This is a great co-effort between EAC and EPAC; a total of 15,000 inserts will be distributed. Fees for this will come out of the Phil Johnson EAC Media Studio budget.

**Edina Promenade and Grandview CALL FOR SCULPTURES:**

Brad Benn suggested waiting to send the letter until we know what will be in our budget. Once we have income from the city, the CALL FOR SCULPTURES letter will be sent pending final approval.

Voting results are in with 294 ballots received. Fifty-eight people provided their e-mail address so they can be notified of the results. Brad Benn explained the voting process: first choice received 3 points; second-2 points; third-1 point. If someone voted for 3 but did not rank them, each received 1 point. The following results have been approved:

**Results:**

Title	Artist	Points
The Plunge	Deb Zeller	273
Reflecting on Friendship	Nicholas Legeros	233
Holy Big Bird	Stephen J. Fischer	212
Entrega Total	Guillaume	192
Rider of the 4 Directions	Gordon Van Wert	164
Three Trees	Kevin Komadina	091
Time Piece	Dean Holzman	090
Bridled Spirit	Deb Zeller	089
Head of St. Joseph	Nicholas Legeros	069
Toro	Chris Gustafson	041

The Plunge will receive \$1,000 for first place, Reflecting on Friendship will receive \$750 for second place and Holy Big Bird will receive \$500 for third place.

Lois Ring will notify the winners and Dick Crockett will send the checks to the winners.

Lois Ring and Naomi Griffith are also working on a marketing letter to send to possible donors for sculptures.

Since the current EPAC budget is unclear, Diana Hedges offered a loan/transfer of funds in order to pay the artists if necessary.

Lois Ring and Naomi Griffith presented copies of the patron letter to proof. Changes and updates were made.

It was also decided that copies will be made as needed, rather than having a large number printed, which was very costly. A list of potential donors will be presented at the next meeting and also to the Ways & Means Committee for approval.

**DONATIONS/MEMORIALS POLICIES:**

Lois Ring reported that according to the year 2000 policy, donations greater than \$300 but less than \$5,000 do not receive permanent plaques. Donations of \$5,000 or more do receive a bronze plaque.

**KODIAK SCULPTURE UPDATE:**

Brad Benn reported some rough estimates for a realistic dog sculpture.

Several sculptors gave estimates ranging from \$7,000 to \$75,000, depending on size.

Motion carried to send out a call, pending the Crime Fund approval.

Lois Ring recommended that the one artist who offered a discount, include a full price quote and make a donation to EPAC if the artist desires.

Diana Hedges said there is a Police Department liaison who will be working on this project with EPAC.

The question was raised: Is it a memorial to Kodiak or recognition of the value of police canines? No decision was made at this time as to the best location. Diana Hedges mentioned that an original goal of EPAC was to have more public art at City Hall. All agree that the sculpture should be placed in a prominent area. Possible locations are: Centrum, Promenade, City Hall, Braemar and Edinborough Park.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

A member of the Edina Community Foundation might join us due to the membership status of Dick Crockett.

Lois Ring is still looking for a committee member to head up EPAC membership.

Lois Ring reported that Edina Sun-Current had an article on the gifts of Minn Eco Turtle and Time Piece. Edina Magazine will feature an article in the October 2010 issue and the Star Tribune also featured an article on Time Piece with photo.

Anne Spooner created a current EPAC roster; some changes were made to it. An updated roster will be generated to members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Letterhead final corrections will be made by Naomi Griffith & Brad Benn. Large quantities can be generated at EAC.

John Keprios was contacted by Edina resident Joyce Repya, regarding a sandstone lion sculpture (originally from the New York Life building located on the corner of 6th and Minnesota Street, St. Paul). Joyce Repya, owner of the lion would like to donate it to a civic organization. John Keprios asked EPAC to recommend a location for it.

The lion sculpture is 1100 pounds and measures 36" wide by 40" tall and 10" thick with 20" thickness at its top. EAC is interested in placing it at the Greer Garden.

Motion was made to accept the lion, provided Park and Recreation will transfer it to EAC where it will be until a permanent location is determined. Motion carried.

Lois Ring requested that the Mosaic Project needs to be put back on the Action List and be included as part of next year's Promenade. The County has not yet approved it for the York Avenue Bridge.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m. Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10, 4:00p.m.**

Minutes taken by Anne Spooner.