

**Minutes of the
Edina Public Art Committee
April 7, 2011
Edina City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernice Amacher, Brad Benn, Naomi Griffith, Amy Kerber, Mark Lidke, Bill McCabe, Lois Ring.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara La Valleur, Ruth Valgema

STAFF PRESENT: Diana Hedges, Anne Spooner

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST: Photographer Chip Jones

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brad Benn MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MARCH 3, 2011, EDINA PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES. Amy Kerber SECONDED THE MOTION. MINUTES APPROVED.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. McCabe reported that a \$30 donation was received and \$10,109 is the new balance. Ms. Ring reported \$28 in EPAC buttons sales with a new grand total of \$423 in sales.

III. CONTINUING BUSINESS (Action List)

A. Budget - Ms. Hedges reported that the recent City Council meeting went well and there was a great deal of support for public art. Ms. Ring thanked Ms. Hedges for presenting at the City Council work session.

B. Grants Update- Mr. McCabe reported that EPAC does not qualify for the MRAC grant because EPAC is considered part of the Edina Art Center and EAC's budget exceeds the grant's cap of \$300,000. Ms. Hedges commended Mr. McCabe for all his hard work writing the grant and that it can be used for a different grant application.

C. Stephen Fischer's Holy Big Bird- Ms. Ring reported that the purchase of Holy Big Bird has been put on hold. Because it was a People's Choice winner in 2010, Mr. Fischer's contract will be extended for another year.

D. 2011 Sculpture Selections - Mr. Benn reported the following winners and locations:

Location: Promenade Going South from 70th then West to York Avenue.

- Gyr Family Cycle will remain for 2011. 2009 People's Choice, first-place award
Perci Chester, Minneapolis, MN
- 6 Lissome- Q, "steel rod," pad in center of flowers
Guy J. Bellaver, St. Charles, IL
- Holy Big Bird, will remain for 2011, 2010 People's Choice, third-place award
Stephen Fischer, Sullivan, WI

Location: Hazelton Avenue

Reflecting on Friendship, will remain for 2011, 2010 People's Choice, second-place award

Nicholas Legeros, Edina, MN

Three Trees, permanent donation of the artist

Kevin Komadina, Edina, MN

The Plunge will remain for 2011, 2010 People's Choice first- place award

Deb Zeller, Victoria, MN

15 Transponder, 10' tall stainless steel, new pad at the corner←

Steve Elliot, Wayne NE

Minn Eco Turtle will remain for 2011, purchased by the Edina Public Art Committee

Kathy Gustafson, Bemidji MN

Location: Path turns West.

Time Piece, permanent gift of Dee Kennedy

Dean Holzman, St Paul MN

11 La Diva Moving, 12" tall painted steel

Ruth Aizuss Migdal, Chicago IL

2 Raindrops, 10 ½" tall steel. New pad

Dean Holzman, St. Paul, MN

Location: York Avenue

GRANDVIEW SQUARE

4 Sunniva, "iron on 3" high pedestal

Jim Gabbert, Eden Prairie, MN

18 Blue Heron with Pumpkinseed, metal on larger high pedestal.

Judd Nelson, Wayzata, MN

13 Steelie Sphere, 15" tall painted steel

Perci Chester, Minneapolis, MN

Amy Kerber MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WINNING RESULTS OF THE 2012 CALL FOR SCULPTURES. Mark Lidke SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

E. Contracts- Ms. Ring reported that the artist contracts may be ready by next week sometime and that they must be signed by the artists before sculptures are placed. Mr. Benn asked if EPAC should be taking over this task as Dick Crockett only did it last year when the Community Foundation provided the funds. Mr. McCabe confirmed he will contact Mr. Crockett about this and also check on the artist contract for Robert Jackson whose work is currently in Scott Neal's office.

F. Donor Report - Ms. Kerber reported that the application for Tiffany's is ready to submit but EPAC's mission statement is needed. The statement was located and Mr. McCabe agreed to proof the application one final time before sending.

G. Veteran's Memorial - There will be a meeting April 15 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Ms. Valgemae and Ms. Ring will attend.

H. Membership Status - Ms. Ring welcomed new EPAC members Ms. La Valleur and Mr. Lidke who were approved by the Edina Art Center Board.

I. Mosaics for the Bridge - Ms. Hedges reported that Mr. Keprios has contacted the county several times about final approval with no response yet.

J. EAC-EPAC Relationship Document - Mr. McCabe reported that the EAC Board tabled it for further review because the bylaws may need revising.

K. Website/CH 16 Update - Ms. Hedges reported that she, Ms. Ring and Ms. Griffith met with Communications Director Jennifer Bennerotte about website updates and it went very well. She reported that the redesigned website should be completed by September and the final design will feature more images than before. It will also be more user-friendly. Ms. Hedges reported that there is now a picture of the Pinecone on Channel 16 along with other images pertaining to EAC. Ms. Hedges asked Mr. Jones to shoot images of the stained glass window at City Hall. He confirmed that he is working on this.

L. Art Loan Agreement/Scott Neal's Office - Ms. Ring reported that this is still pending.

M. Cross town Camera Club Photos - Mr. Benn reported that he was expecting to receive a sample of "dyebond" ← from CCC member Mark Karney but has not received it. It was decided that since the current photographs are larger than the original ones, they are more suitable and can be left as is.

N. Thank-You Notes to Utility Bill Donors - Ms. Amacher suggested sending thank-you notes at the end of the year so donors can also be informed as to how much they gave. Ms. Hedges said this is not needed because their receipt is on their utility bills. If a thank-you note is sent now, it can double as an invitation to the reception on June 15. Ms. Hedges contacted Ms. Bennerotte to determine how many donors there are. Once we know this, we can then determine what the mailing cost will be. A personally written note is also important and Ms. Amacher agreed and will get together soon with Ms. Hedges to complete this project.

O. Volunteer Award - Although Ms. Amacher had second thoughts about being nominated, she agreed to the nomination for volunteer of the year from the Public Art Committee.

P. Ms. Griffith proofed the new patron letter and presented it to the committee for review. There were no changes made.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Marketing- Mr. Lidke is working on the Promenade and Grandview Square Sculpture Exhibition brochure and flyer. The flyer will be condensed and have a tear away ballot and

the brochure will be a double-sided 8 ½" x 14" sheet. Printing quotes are: #1,000/\$232, #750/\$181, #500/\$138.

Bernice Amacher MOVED TO APPROVE THE PRINTING OF 1,000 POSTCARDS. Mark Lidke SECONDED IT. MOTION APPROVED.

B. Edina Art Center Spring/Summer class schedule - Featured a picture of Ms. Ring along with date, time and location of the grand opening of the new sculpture exhibition on the Promenade and Grandview Square.

C. June 15, 2011, Exhibition/Opening Reception Invitation - Mr. Lidke presented a proof of the postcard he designed featuring several images of the sculptures. Responses were positive.

D. Program/Publicity - Ms. Kerber and Ms. Ring are working together on an Edina Magazine article.

EPAC Book/City Hall - Ms. La Valleur is currently updating this book.

ROSTER- Ms. Spooner made additional updates to the roster and will resend it to members.

RETIREMENT - Mr. Benn said that the June 15 EPAC event will be his last and then he will be retiring.

V. OTHER

A. Ms. Hedges thanked Ms. Ring for all her hard work on this year's call for sculptures.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 5 at 4 p.m.
Minutes taken by Anne Spooner**