



## Meeting Minutes: Public Art Advisory Committee

Date: February 10, 2026  
Minutes prepared by: Sarah Kidwell  
Location: Virtual Meeting via Teams

### Attendance

- Cheryl Caponi
- Bob Erickson
- JuliAnne Jonker
- Al Tsai
- Cindy Gehrig
- Meredith McKinley, Via Partnership
- Erika Fiola, Via Partnership
- Lil Leatham, Dakota County Planning
- Sarah Kidwell, Dakota County Public Services & Revenue Division

### Agenda

- Approval of Agenda / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Approval of Minutes / Chair / Approval or Modification
- Per Diem Requests will be emailed / All / Member Signature
- Presentations
  - Blueprint Public Art Plan Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles: Via Partnership
- Project Updates
  - Wentworth Library Remodel: Cheryl Caponi, Liaison
  - Burnhaven Library Remodel: Cheryl Caponi, Liaison
  - Unity Trail: Mike Todaro & JuliAnne Jonker, Liaisons
  - 2026 Art Contest: Al Tsai, Liaison
- Unfinished Business
  - Greenway Trails & Tunnels
- New Business
- Announcements

## Next Meeting

Date: March 10, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Kaposia Library, South St. Paul

Agenda items: Blueprint Public Art Plan Update, Planning for Art Contest Selection & Reception

## Meeting Notes

### Approval of Agenda: Chair

Bob Erickson moved to approve the agenda, and it was seconded by Cindy Gehrig. The motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes: Chair

JuliAnne Jonker moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, and it was seconded by Bob Erickson. The motion passed.

### Per Diem Requests: All

Per diem requests will be distributed via DocuSign for electronic signatures.

## Presentations

- **Blueprint Public Art Plan Vision, Mission and Guiding Principles: Via Partnership**

Meridith McKinley shared a presentation to reflect on the vision, mission, and guiding principles for the public art plan. Advisory committee members offered suggestions for revisions based on intent or the feeling that the words conveyed.

Meridith and Erika Fiola will take the comments from this discussion and make edits to the vision, mission, and guiding principles. They will present the edited versions and opportunities at the next meeting in March.

Lil Leatham is planning to provide a project update to the General Governance & Policy Committee on April 7, 2026, that will review the vision, mission, guiding principles, and opportunities.

## Project Updates

- **Wentworth Library Remodel: Cheryl Caponi, Liaison**

Nothing to report.

- **Burnhaven Library Remodel: Cheryl Caponi, Liaison**

Nothing to report.

- **Unity Trail: Mike Todaro and JuliAnne Jonker, Liaisons**

Nothing to report.

- **2026 Art Contest: Al Tsai, Liaison**

The Art Contest submission portal is open and accepting submissions! To date, the contest has received 3 submissions.

## **Unfinished Business**

- **Greenway Trails & Tunnels**

This item is a placeholder to keep this topic alive with Parks planning as it progresses.

## **New Business**

## **Announcements**