

**City of Brookings**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Brookings Public Arts Commission**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**11:00am Brookings City & County Government Center 520 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Room 300**

## **1. Call to Order**

Julia Eberhart calls meeting to order.

**Present:** Linda Purrington, Abigail Ramsbottom, Julia Eberhart, Trayce Meyer, Paula Carson & Kate Treiber

Stacey Claussen & Kristin Zimmerman. Kirsten Gjesdal present.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

Kate Treiber motions to approve agenda, seconded by Paula Carson. All in favor.

## **3. Approval of Minutes**

Paula Carson motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Linda Purrington.

## **4. Hare Hunt Proposal with Kirsten Gjesdal**

Goals of the project: Bring people together downtown to explore places they wouldn't normally. Hare hunt – sculpture (plasma cut steel/UV printer), poetry, & mural.

Sculpture – work with Erik Ritter & SDSU engineering.

Poetry – call to South Dakota State Poetry Society for poems related to hare hunt

Mural – one place in downtown

- Linda Purrington wonders about enticement of the project.
  - Kate Treiber thinks the enticement lies in the inquiry of bunnies about.
- Paula Carson drew connections to blue squares in Pierre.

- Kate Treiber notes poetry should be age appropriate for children.
  - Kirsten Gjesdal notes the opportunity to ask children for input (potentially via Boys & Girls Club).
- Kirsten Gjesdal is looking for city backing/support since it will be city property. Perhaps this project falls under PAC for maintenance purposes too.
  - Plan to fundraise, and not asking PAC for money.
  - Kristin Zimmerman notes that the maintenance costs would likely fall under Parks budget.
- Kirsten Gjesdal notes mural would be on private property.
  - Zach Deboer (based in Sioux Falls) is the primary candidate for mural
  - Ally-side of the Swiftel building
- Kristin Zimmerman notes practices of other cities (Hearts in Kansas City, for example). Advises that community businesses could support and 'purchase' the hare, then provide feedback on their design.
  - Zimmerman also notes the opportunity to partner with the newspaper to make clues for finding the bunnies.

## 5. New Members

Julia Eberhart notes the bylaws must be updated before we can confirm numbers. Going to broaden the requirements for members.

## 6. Map/Inventory Update

Julia Eberhart has started a spreadsheet of pertinent information for mapping. This is preparatory, and Eberhart noted that we need to clarify the goals of this project.

Plan to update website with this information.

Abigail Ramsbottom to do some research for SDSU public art

## 7. Review budget/upcoming projects

Eberhart discussed the spreadsheet details (city projects over the next three years, operational ideas for PAC, budget allocation)

- We need to develop a method for folks to submit public art concepts & more.
- Purrington shared the two new schools are opportunities for us to place art.
  - Noted that we need to go to City for our approvals.
  - Kristin Zimmerman shared that she can reach out to Brookings superintendent and let them know about this resource

Need to consider our goals for 2024 art projects. Plan to finalize in February.

## **8. What is Brookings' art strategy?**

Eberhart wants a subcommittee for a framework for in public art in Brookings.

## **9. Meeting Cadence for 2024**

Eberhart discussed the need to meet more frequently. Proposing we meet every two months.

Decisions must be made by spring to get ready for construction season.

## **10. Adjournment**

Paula Carson moves to adjourn the meeting.

Trayce Meyer seconded the motion.