

## The Disability Mural Project Duluth



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City of Duluth  
Attn: Jason Hale  
411 West First Street  
Duluth, MN 55802

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Re: The Disability Mural Project Duluth Ownership Transfer

Dear Mr. Hale:

My name is Bridget Riversmith, Director of the Disability Mural Project Duluth (DMPD) and Cofounder/Leader of the Arrowhead Alliance of Artist With Disabilities (AAAWD - an unincorporated community group). In the summer of 2011, I taught 24 workshops in Duluth, Cloquet and Two Harbors in which 336 people whose lives have intersected with disability created 360 individually unique tiles with the support of 19 local partners, 71 volunteers, and 18 community sponsors, chiefly AAWD. We exhibited the completed DMPD at the DECC that fall. Our purpose was to highlight the need for Universal Design and the full inclusion of people with disabilities in our community.

In the spring of 2015, I began working with Dennis Jensen, DTA General Manager; Jim Heilig, DTA Director of Administration; Bob Grytdahl, City of Duluth's Human Rights Officer/ADA Coordinator; as well as Mayor Don Ness to create a permanent evolving exhibit of the Disability Mural Project Duluth in the City of Duluth's skywalk section of the new MultiModal Transit Center. We requested and successfully received a variance to the city ordinance governing displays in skywalk areas.

In the fall of 2015, Bob Grytdahl and I met with representatives of the Duluth Public Arts Commission who agreed to take on the task of installing and maintaining the DMPD in the new Transit Center skywalk. I then donated all 360 of the 12" x 12"DMPD tiles to the City of Duluth. Shortly following the donation, due to the recent death of my husband, I handed over completion of the installation to Bob Grytdahl and the Duluth Public Arts Commission. I have learned that due to staff turnover at various agencies, the project has been inactive ever since. I also understand that proper documentation of the DMPD tiles donation is needed by the City in order to move forward.

Therefore, to ensure successful installation of the Disability Mural Project Duluth (DMPD) in the skywalk section of the new MultiModal Transit Center, as Director of the DMPD and Cofounder/Leader of AAWD and on its behalf, I hereby officially donate to the City of Duluth all tiles created for the DMPD and related materials, including all participating artist release forms, and the right to possess and display the DMPD tiles for the purpose of public art. It is understood by all parties involved that proper credit for all DMPD organizers and volunteers, participating artists, and partners and sponsors must be integral to the installation and promotion of the DMPD in any and all of its forms.

Please feel free to consult with me regarding completion of this project. I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

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