

DPAC Meeting Minutes 12/15/25

Meeting began at 4:03 with Jill Johnson, Woods, Gardonio, Rose, Graves, and Durrwachter present

Durrwachter invited Josh Madson to give a presentation about himself and his proposed Community Collage project via zoom so that DPAC could offer insight.

- Woods asked what the ask was and what commitments he has from business owners
- Greg Gollmer, Dan Harman, maybe a couple of other locations
- Mankato – Community Connect – drew from all ethnic organizations
- Board of Advisors in Duluth, Essentia, Aspirus, and Fond duLuth, Boreal Waters, and UMD are potential sponsors
- Josh sent a link to Durrwachter to send to Stier and Gardonio

Johnson's first meeting, Marshik's last meeting, Underwood was not present but has decided to stay on the commission.

Woods nominated Gardonio for president. Graves seconded. Woods made a motion, Marshik seconded and it passed unanimously.

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Scottie will send Durrwachter Committee names and spots – Johnson was added to Submission committee

Stier update the commission on the skate park murals and will send pictures.

Woods suggested adding info on what we fund to Duluth web page.

“Are we able to do utility box wraps next year?” Angie said she doesn't have an answer.

“What is next step?” Angie needs an outline on what this project will look like in execution.

- Call for submissions once a year, get them all sorted out with a budget timeline

- Marshik will send scope of this to Gardonio and Stier
- January approval of info for the committee
- Feb
- March 1 or April 1

Meeting Schedule so far for 2026: Jan Mon 1/26, Feb Wed 2/25 (option is Thurs 2/26 backup)

- Woods moved to approve this, Johnson seconded, approved
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Discussion of budget – onboarding (for Johnson)

Maintenance Project that provides a % of income to DPAC is on hold / Johnson is Interior Designer on Project. Eric Birkelund would have more info

Airport terminal on Park Point received no 1% - why? Durrwachter will forward statute to Gardonio

We have been told we can't get new funding and we can't do new projects.

5-6K still is owed to Penny Perry who needs to submit an invoice.

Marshik showed us on her laptop the 2026 budget and walked us through it (the old budget had been printed)

Woods motioned to approve the budget as presented by Marshik, Becca seconded, all in favor

Marshik will send a wealth of info to Gardonio

Public art is a graffiti deterrent! Many cities have adopted this wrap program for this reason.

Durrwachter will take notes next time.

Funding & Outreach is silent for the moment

Strategic Direction: Gardonio/Graves

Conservation: Woods/Gardonio

Submission Process and Submittal Review: Graves, Durrwachter, Rose, Anderson

Meeting adjourned 5:40