

MEETING MINUTES
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, January 8, 2007
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
City Council Chambers

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

Call to Order

The Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 8:11 AM.

Public Art Subcommittee

Members Present:	Becky Laing-Austin	Downtown Business Owner
	Dusty Bitson	Downtown Business Owner
	Marianne Boerigter	Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts (Chair)
	Jeannie Caris	Community Member
	Bonnie Erber	Community Member
	Lorna Kosztowny	Downtown Property Owner
	Lori Layne	Fremont Postmaster
Members Absent:	Bonnie Erber	Community Member
	James Rynberg	Fremont Mayor
Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Fremont Neighborhood & Economic Development Director
Presenter:	David Anderson	Local Artist

Presentation by Artist David Anderson on Ideas for Public Art for the Fremont Post Office Site

David Anderson's presentation pertaining to ideas for public art for the Fremont Post Office site consisted of the following:

- Description of the Fremont Post Office Architecture
- Landscaping Description and Proposed Landscape Changes
- Budget: Total cost to be approximately \$10,000 - \$15,000
- Sculpture Site Considerations and Proposals
- Walkway Designs
- Ideas on Benches and Trash Containers
- Ideas on Public Art Sculpture: 12 ideas were presented, some of which were a variation on a design. These ideas included the following:
 - Quill Pen (variations with chimes)
 - Origami Carrier Pigeons
 - American Eagle (some variations)
 - Delights from the Mail Bag (includes chimes)
 - Fremont in the World (shining globes on pedestal)
 - Special Delivery (humorous sculpture depicting stork)
 - Pony Express (Sculpture is a horse that rocks.)
 - Changing Sculpture Exhibit: (A pedestal with a base for a changing sculpture)

After Mr. Anderson's presentation, each subcommittee member gave his/her opinion regarding which idea for public art he/she liked the best. Different subcommittee members liked different ideas. There was no consensus as to which art idea to pursue. The Subcommittee decided to review the sketches and at the next meeting the Subcommittee would discuss what direction to give to David Anderson in terms of fine-tuning his idea or ideas.

Discuss How to Fund Public Art Projects

It was decided that at the January 16, 2007 Joint Public Art and Marketing Subcommittee meeting, the various ideas on how to fund the public art project would be discussed in depth.

Next Meeting

Joint Public Art and Marketing Subcommittee meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
9:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
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Adjournment

There being no further business of the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.