

**MEETING MINUTES
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) SUBCOMMITTEE**

MEETING AGENDA

**Tuesday, January 29, 2008
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Fremont City Hall
Council Chambers**

MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

Call to Order

The DDA Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

Public Art Subcommittee

Members Present:	Marianne Boerigter	Executive Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts
	Lorna Kosztowny	DDA Member
	Jim Rynberg	Fremont Mayor
Members Absent:	Bonnie Erber	DDA Marketing Chair
	Jeannie Caris	Community Member
	Lori Layne	Fremont Postmaster
Staff Present:	Michele Ribant	Fremont Neighborhood & Economic Development Director

Update on Fremont Post Office Public Art Project

Michele Ribant reported that the contracts for the public art project for the Fremont Post Office site have been finalized and the sculpture is on schedule; it is due to be erected by June, 2008.

Review of Submissions from Artists for Public Art for the Fremont Co-Op Site

The Subcommittee only received one submission for the Fremont Co-Op project. It was sent in by Renae Wallace, and it was for a mural for the north wall of the Fremont Co-Op main building. The Subcommittee marveled at the artist's talent. They wanted to ask Renae Wallace to include a corn crib in one of the doorway spaces on the mural. They also wanted city staff to meet with Rob Zeldenrust, the manager of the Co-op, to inquire whether the windows on the building could be covered by the mural and to get his overall thoughts on the project. After feedback was obtained from Mr. Zeldenrust, Marianne Boerigter and Michele Ribant were to meet with Renae Wallace to finalize the plans.

The Subcommittee decided not to pursue an artist to paint a mural on one of the silos at the Co-Op. While the Subcommittee liked the idea, they felt that it would be an involved project that would require much research to ensure that the artwork would not damage any of the crops, etc. The Subcommittee felt that they may revisit the idea after they get more public art projects in the community underway.

Update on the Proposed Stained Glass Art Project for the Fremont Market Pavilion

Marianne Boerigter reported that the stained glass project is on hold until Bonnie Erber returns from Florida.

Update on the NCCA Arts Festival

Marianne Boerigter reported that the NCCA Arts Festival will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 instead of in August. She indicated that moving up the Arts Festival should bring in more vendors because the festival starts right before the art fair season in the state begins. She said that this year the festival will be held in conjunction with a motorcycle/car show.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the DDA Public Art Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 AM.