

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

**Wednesday, November 20, 2006**  
**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**  
**Fremont City Hall**  
**City Council Chambers**

**PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEES**

**Call to Order**

The Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM.

**Public Art Subcommittee**

<b>Members Present:</b>	Marianne Boerigter	Director, Newaygo County Council for the Arts
	Bonnie Erber	Community Member
	Lorna Kosztowny	Downtown Property Owner
	Lori Layne	Fremont Postmaster
	James Rynberg	Fremont City Mayor

<b>Members Absent:</b>	Dusty Bitson	Downtown Business Owner
	Jeannie Caris	Community Member

<b>Staff Present:</b>	Michele Ribant	Fremont Neighborhood & Economic Development Director
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<b>Guest Present:</b>	David Anderson	Local Artist
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**Opening Remarks**

Chair Boerigter welcomed Lori Layne, the Fremont Postmaster, to the meeting.

**Brainstorm with Artist David Anderson on Ideas for Public Art for the Fremont Post Office**

Public Art Chair Boerigter introduced David Anderson, a local artist, to the Subcommittee members. She went on to explain that Mr. O'Brien was here to explore ideas on the type of public art that is envisioned for the Fremont Post Office in downtown Fremont.

Mr. Anderson asked about the type of artwork the Subcommittee was contemplating for the Fremont Post Office site. Many of the following ideas surfaced:

- Art could include a sundial
- Art could be a stagecoach
- Art could include a bench
- Art could include a trash receptacle (where junk mail, etc. can be thrown)
- Art could be lit at night; however, the light should be such that it does not have a negative impact
- Art could be in the form of an eagle with spread wings.
- Art could include the impression of stamps with a fluted edge
- Art should be handicap accessible

It was also suggested that artwork be placed on the rear of the Huntington Bank building. Michele Ribant said she would contact Huntington Bank to inquire if this would be possible.

It was suggested that the Subcommittee take a field trip to visit the US Post Office Museum in Marshall, Michigan to obtain ideas for the public art piece in front of the Fremont Post Office. It was also suggested that the Subcommittee tour the public art in East Grand Rapids to obtain ideas on public art.

David Anderson was asked to come back to the Public Art Subcommittee on Monday, January 8, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. at the Fremont City Hall to present his ideas for public art for the Fremont Post Office site.

**Review the Downtown Fremont Public Art Program Guidelines and corresponding Public Art Placement Plan**

The Subcommittee reviewed the Downtown Fremont Public Art Program Guidelines and the Public Art Placement Plan and recommended its approval to the DDA with the following amendments:

- That it be made clear in the “Goals” section of the Program Guidelines that the public art should be accessible to people with disabilities
- That the Huntington Bank site be added to the Public Art Placement Plan

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.