

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

**Thursday, June 5, 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 9:07 AM.

Public Art Subcommittee

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

Opening Remarks

Chair Boerigter welcomed the Subcommittee and proceeded to report on the following:

- The Artist renderings for the various public art pieces that are in the City have been framed and are hung in various locations in City Hall.
- The Art Festival this year, which was held in the Market Place pavilion, was successful. Ms. Boerigter indicated that the location was very convenient and the weather was perfect. She went on to say that in terms of number in attendance that the number was probably the same as last year.

Update on Fremont Post Office Public Art Project

The Subcommittee decided that the celebration for the sculpture entitled, “Writer’s Stone” will take place on Monday, June 23, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. at the Post Office. The Subcommittee asked that the following individuals/entities be invited to the celebration:

- The Fremont Area Community Foundation (major funders)
- The Fremont Post Office staff
- Fremont Downtown Development Authority
- Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce

- The Artist, Cara O'Brien and family
- Holland Custom Metal Works
- Gerry Rich
- Times Indicator

The Subcommittee also wanted press releases sent to the Muskegon Chronicle and the Grand Rapid Press.

Update on the Public Art Project for the Fremont Co-op

It was reported that the Streetscape project for the Fremont Co-op site is being funded separately from the public art work associated with the project. It was also reported that the funding for the streetscape portion of the project has been obtained and that the art portion will cost \$58,495.00. Chair Boerigter informed the Subcommittee that \$5,000.00 in funding from the DTE Foundation has already been granted. Michele Ribant indicated that over the summer she will look into other avenues of funding for the project and that any gaps in the funding will have to be pursued through fundraising.

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

Bonnie Erber reported that originally the artwork for the south window of the pavilion was going to be stained glass but that after some research it was concluded that the stained glass may be too heavy, so it was decided that a glass on glass art piece would be more appropriate. The glass on glass piece could be hung separately and the existing pavilion window would remain in place.

Ms. Erber presented the subcommittee with various designs for the glass on glass piece that were created by Deb Emerick, a local artist, and the Subcommittee gave feedback. Ms. Erber said that she would communicate the refinements requested to Deb Emerick and that she would come back to the Subcommittee with a final design at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Public Art Subcommittee
City Hall
Thursday, June 12, 2008
3:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the DDA Public Art Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.