

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

**Thursday, July 29, 2008  
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM  
Fremont City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Call to Order**

The DDA Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM.

**Public Art Subcommittee**

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

**Opening Remarks**

Chair Boerigter announced that Lorna Kosztowny has resigned from the DDA Public Art Subcommittee and that she sent a nice note that said she enjoyed the experience. The members acknowledged that she had a lot to offer and that her ideas will be missed.

It was the consensus of the Subcommittee that more members were needed on the Subcommittee. Members were going to look into identifying prospective members. Michele Ribant was asked to contact Shirley Hooker, Supervisor for Dayton Township, and Dave Lue, Supervisor for Sheridan Charter Township, and ask if they knew of anyone who would be interested in serving on the DDA Public Art Subcommittee.

**Update on the Glass on Glass Project for the Fremont Market Place Pavilion**

Chair Boerigter reported that the glass on glass project that is to be installed behind the south window of the Fremont Market Place Pavilion is underway. She indicated that the glass for the project has been sized, ordered, cut and delivered to Deb Emerick, the artist. She said that the art piece should be completed by the first week in October, which would be in time for the Fall Harvest Festival.

The Subcommittee talked about possibly having the celebration of the glass on glass art piece on Thursday, October 2, 2008. The Subcommittee wanted to make sure the funders, the Erbers, would be available and that the art piece would be completed before a final date for the celebration was decided.

### **Discussion on Funding the Mural for the Fremont Cooperative Produce Company**

Marianne Boerigter reported that we need approximately \$59,000 to fund the mural for the north side of the main building of the Fremont Cooperative Produce Company. She went on to say that thus far \$5,000 was awarded in grant money from DTE for the project, which means that the Subcommittee needs to secure approximately \$54,000 more.

Ways to raise funds were discussed. It was suggested that grant funding be pursued through Walmart, Nestle/Gerber and other farm/agricultural related businesses. Michele Ribant would look into these possibilities for grant funding.

Bonnie Erber came prepared to spearhead a fundraising coin drive for the project. The Subcommittee decided on the following in terms of the proposed coin drive:

- The name of the coin drive will be “Coin Drive for Community Art”.
- Bonnie Erber would look into obtaining coin jars that could be used. If she cannot get them donated, she will let Michele Ribant know, and Ms. Ribant will look into the cost of purchasing them.
- The coin jars would be distributed at the following locations, if allowed by managers/owners:
  - The Artsplace – Marianne Boerigter agreed to display coin jar.
  - Fremont Area District Library – Bonnie Erber to ask Library
  - Fremont Cooperative Produce Company – Michele Ribant to ask Cooperative
  - DDA Booth at Farmers Market – Bonnie Erber to get DDA Chair’s okay
  - Credit Unions – Bonnie Erber to get the okay.
- Huntington Bank – Marianne Boerigter will ask if they will process the coins for the Subcommittee.
- Future Farmers of America (FFA): Mayor Rynberg will contact Dr. Kingsnorth, Superintendent of the Public Schools, to ask if we can enlist the support of the FFA with the project.
- County Fairboard: Michele Ribant will contact the Fairboard to determine if we can enlist their support with the project.
- Farm Bureau: Michele Ribant will contact the Farm Bureau to determine if we can enlist their support with the project.
- City of Fremont: It was decided that no coin jar would be placed at City Hall; Ms. Ribant will look into whether the City would act as the fiduciary for the funds.

- Bonnie Erber said she will ask her husband Bob to write an article about the coin drive for the *Times Indicator*.
- The drive would begin on September 1, 2008 and run through November 30, 2008.

**Next Meeting**

DDA Public Art Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Fremont City Hall

**Adjournment**

There being no further business of the DDA Public Art Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.