

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

**Thursday, August 14, 2008
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Fremont City Hall
Council Chambers**

PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

Call to Order

The DDA Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 8:39 AM.

Public Art Subcommittee

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

Opening Remarks

Marianne Boerigter welcomed the Subcommittee and said the focus of the meeting was to organize the coin drive for the Fremont Cooperative public art project.

Organizing Coin Drive to Fund Mural for the Fremont Cooperative Main Building

Bonnie Erber who is spear-heading the coin drive led the discussion. The following was either communicated to the Subcommittee by Ms. Erber or decided by the Subcommittee in relation to the coin drive:

- Phil Deur lent a large coin jar to the Subcommittee for use in the coin drive.
- The smaller coin jars that are to be used will be lent by the Fremont Post Office; Bonnie Erber will contact Lori Layne to make arrangements.
- A picture of the mural will be displayed on the coin jars.
- The artist rendering entitled, “Farmlandscapes” will be provided to the Artsplace during the coin drive, so people can see what the public art piece will look like.

- Information on the coin drive should be advertised on the City's website and the NCCA website.
- Promotion of the coin drive should be promoted in the City's newsletter and at least listed in NCCA's newsletter.
- Bob Erber wrote an article for the local newspapers; a suggestion was made that an article about this project and the Subcommittee's efforts overall could be provided to John Stevenson of the Muskegon Chronicle.
- The City will act as a fiduciary for the funds.
- Huntington Bank will count the coins during their slow time.
- Marianne Boerigter reported that Huntington Bank has a giving program where funds could perhaps be granted for the art project; Michele Ribant is to follow-up and write a grant, if necessary.
- Michele Ribant will follow-up with Wal-Mart to determine if they have a community giving program where funds could be awarded for the mural project.
- The following entities will display the coin jars:
 - Artsplace (large coin jar)
 - Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce
 - Gerber Employee Credit Union
 - Fremont Cooperative Produce Company
- The following entities will be approached to ask them to display the coin jars:
 - Fremont Area District Library (Bonnie Erber will ask again for their participation)
 - Newaygo County Credit Union (Michele Ribant will ask for their participation.)
 - Fremont Farm Bureau (Michele Ribant will ask for their participation.)
 - Fair Board (Michele Ribant will ask for their participation.)
 - Fremont Public High School (Mayor will ask for their participation, at least for the participation of the art teachers.)

Unfinished Business

Marianne Boerigter showed the Subcommittee a picture of the plaque that is to be ordered by Cara O'Brien, the artist, for the public art sculpture located in front of the Fremont Post Office. The Subcommittee approved the wording but questioned why the plaque was to be installed in the ground rather than on the stone. Michele Ribant was to follow up with Ms. O'Brien to learn the answer. It was agreed that Lori Layne should approve the placement of the plaque since it will be on the Fremont Post Office property.

New Business

Bonnie Erber introduced the idea of a bean bag tournament as a fundraising idea for the mural project. It was suggested that the tournament be held in the Market Pavilion on the third weekend in June 2009. The Subcommittee will refine the idea in the months to come.

Next Meeting

DDA Public Art Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, August 28, 2008

8:30 a.m.

Fremont City Hall

Adjournment

There being no further business of the DDA Public Art Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM.