

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

**Thursday, September 25, 2008
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM
Fremont City Hall
City Council Chambers**

PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

Call to Order

The DDA Public Art Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM.

Public Art Subcommittee

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

Opening Remarks

Chair Boerigter welcomed the Subcommittee.

Status on the Coin Drive to Fund Mural for the Fremont Cooperative

Bonnie Erber reported that the coin jars have been placed in the following locations:

Haveman Hardware
Gerber Credit Union
Vredeveld Shoes
Fremont Co-op
Fremont Chamber of Commerce
ArtsPlace

Bonnie indicated she would purchase about ten more coin jars and distribute them. It was also decided that she would start to collect the money, and she would then provide it to the City. It was suggested that a coin jar be placed at the DDA booth at the Fremont

Farmers Market. Michele Ribant said she would look into getting a coin jar at the Market during the Fall Harvest Festival.

Michele Ribant reported that an article about the coin drive is in the Fall 2008 City Newsletter.

Update on the Moose Lodge Façade Renovation/Public Art Project

Marianne Boerigter reported that the Moose Lodge received approval for grant funding through the City's Façade Improvement Program. She informed the Subcommittee that as part of the approval of the work to be performed on the front facade, the Moose Lodge is being required to have public art incorporated on the west set of windows since they cannot put in glass due to the cinder block located behind the existing fake windows. She said that the Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee must approve the artwork to be incorporated. She went on to say that it is quite appropriate for the DDA Public Art Subcommittee to weigh in on the art design; therefore, she said the Public Art Subcommittee will be invited when the Façade/Historic Preservation Subcommittee considers the art design.

Unfinished Business

Chair Boerigter reported that Deb Emerick is finished with the glass art piece that is to be hung on the south window of the Fremont Market Place pavilion. It was decided that once the art piece was up, that a celebration would be planned.

New Business

Other fundraising ideas for public art were discussed. One of the recommendations is for the DDA Public Art Subcommittee to have a booth in the market pavilion during the holidays when other activities (selling of wreaths, etc.) is taking place. At the booth, the Subcommittee would sell some type of food and drink and perhaps they would also sell a few things (ornaments, etc.). The proceeds would be used for public art.

It was also suggested that the Subcommittee host a fundraising dinner in the winter or spring of 2009.

Next Meeting

The next DDA Public Art Subcommittee meeting will be arranged on an as-needed basis.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the DDA Public Art Subcommittee, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 AM.