Bloomington Arts Commission
Public Art Subcommittee Meeting
9-8-2026

Attendees present: Rob Shakespeare, Becca Keough, Gretchen Nall (Virtual), Betsy Stiratt, Paige Sharp (City Staff), Christina Elem (City Staff)

Becca Keough called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Agenda Items:

DBI Public Art Initiatives- Updates

- Uptown Mural updates
    - Discussion when the public art subcommittee gets involved and when it doesn't. Re: DBI initiatives only
- World Foods Mural
    - Still in design phase
- Traffic Boxes
    - Call for artists to submit prior work – Kirkwood and Rogers
    - Action item: elect someone to review Traffic Boxes
    - One week to review (from September 16-23)
    - Installation scheduled
    - Gretchen Nall elected to review

Miller-Showers Public Art piece – feedback

- Will be having an RFQ for call in the Fall and then getting started in 2027
- Art should compliment the sign, but be distinct from the minimalist style of the sign.
- Consider having a cluster of smaller public art pieces in the space
- The call will take a targeted approach
- Community outreach – list of organizations to reach out to

Public comment – Rob made comment from BEAD

- Looking for local art, expressive art, and public art to go on the walls at the Convention Center – fiber art, quilt, etc.