

Agenda - Artspace in Chaska

Day 1 (Tuesday, August 7th):

10 am – 12:15pm **Walking Tour of Potential Sites**

(Artspace & City Staff)

Purpose: site tour of existing cultural assets and potential sites

12:30pm-1:30pm **Lunch**

(Artspace, City Staff and Core Group @ Crooked Pint)

Purpose: discuss hopes of the visit, site impressions

2:00pm-3:30pm **Focus Group - Business Leaders**

(Artspace & City Staff @ City Hall – Council Chambers)

Purpose: to receive input on the project's feasibility and ability to have a positive, sustainable community impact. Identify potential community partners, resident service providers, and non-residential tenants.

Possible Participants (up to 20): arts-compatible businesses (e.g., coffee shops, small restaurants, unique retail), creative entrepreneurs, incubator projects, non-profit, social service organizations, merchant association boards, chamber of commerce, interested real estate developers, non-arts-based educational institutions, small business associations.

3:45pm-5:00pm **Focus Group - Funding and Financing**

(Artspace & City Staff @ City Hall – Council Chambers)

Purpose: to learn more about potential funding sources and gauge the support of the community's finance and business leaders

Possible Participants (up to 15): Local bank representatives (traditional lending and philanthropic investments); foundation and philanthropic agency representatives; someone familiar with local capital campaigns and the donor community; staff overseeing city, county and state affordable housing, historic and cultural funds (e.g., city redevelopment and housing staff). Please include funders of non-arts organizations as well.

5:15pm-6:00pm Dinner Break for Artspace Staff

6:30-8:00pm

Public Meeting

(Artspace, City Staff and Core Group – Event Center)

Purpose: Community involvement is key to the success of any Artspace project. The public meeting allows all residents, artists, creatives a forum to celebrate the artistic community, learn more about the Artspace process and the types of spaces Artspace develops, and ask questions.

Day 2 (Wednesday, August 8th):

10am – 11:15am **Focus Group - Civic leaders**

(Artspace & City Staff @ City Hall – Council Chambers)

Purpose: to answer questions, build support, understand concerns, receive input on the project's feasibility and ability to have a positive, sustainable community impact, and learn about the group's priorities and vision for the future.

Possible Participants (up to 15):

Elected officials (city, county, state), merchant association boards, small business associations, leaders from other community groups such as chamber of commerce, tourism board, main street organization, and Rotary Club.

11:30am – 1:00 pm **Focus Group - Artists/Creatives**

(Artspace, City Staff & Core Group @ City Hall – Council Chambers)

Purpose: to understand the space needs of artists and arts organizations, including: current space situation, space needs, economic considerations, and representative arts disciplines.

Possible Participants (15-30): Local and regional artists representing a diversity of: artistic disciplines, career phase/prominence, homeowners/renters, family size, ethnic background, and age. Please include an emphasis on emerging and young artists. Local and regional arts organizations, creative businesses, artist service organizations, and educational institutions/arts schools, all representing a cross-section of services, sizes, operating budgets, artistic disciplines served, for-profit and nonprofit.

1:30pm

Lunch

(Artspace, City Staff and Core Group @ Crooked Pint)

Purpose: wrap up visit and discuss next steps.