



## ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 15, 2021

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Via GoToMeeting

### Special Meeting

**Commissioners Present:** Nicholas Halder, Ryan Decker, Gina Siegert (arrived 3:43PM), Tyler Daugherty (arrived 3:48PM), Paula Neuhaus, Ali Levasseur, Susan Riedel

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Petersen-Brant, Arts & Cultural Affairs Coordinator

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Levasseur at 3:36 PM following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

### 2021-22 Art on the River Recommendations for Review

Staff presented on recommended sculptures (11) and recommended alternates (3) as selected by a panel of local residents with expertise in public art and / or sustainability initiatives. Panelists included:

- Candace Eudaley, Chair of City of Dubuque Resiliency Commission
- Louise Kames, Professor of Art with Clarke University, Member of Arts & Culture Master Plan Public Art Working Group
- Renee & Mike Meyer, Owners and Designers with Painted Sky Designs

Staff explained that the panel independently reviewed and scored all applications based on the following criteria:

- Theme Appropriateness: How well does the sculpture speak, both visually and through the artist's statements, to the 'Resiliency Flows' theme?
- Creativity: Does the making or presentation of the work demonstrate innovative, original approaches in bold, thoughtful, and / or well-crafted ways?
- Aesthetic Value: Will the work arrest the public's attention? To what degree will the work add to from the Riverwalk's natural or built landscape?

Scores were then submitted to and tallied by Staff who identified the highest scoring applications based on an average of the panelists' scores. Panelists convened with Staff

support to review and confirm application rankings, discuss and propose placement, and draft a recommendation of 11 sculptures for inclusion plus 3 alternates as follows:

- Recommended for exhibit:
  - Mary Angers, "Sun to Moon Rotation"
  - Brian Petrone, "Downstream"
  - Gail Chavanelle, "Resilient Generations"
  - Tim Adams, "Seda"
  - Ben Pierce, "focus"
  - Matt Moyer, "Stalk 10052REH400-2 (Covid Corn to Go)"
  - Mary Angers, "The Single Twist"
  - Tim Adams, "Coral"
  - Luke Achterberg, "Scalar"
  - Christina Murphy, "Mother Earth"
  - Evan Lewis, "Three Liner"
- Alternates:
  - Matt Moyer, "Accordion Pump"
  - Mike Klein, "We're All Downstream"
  - Kirk Seese, "Pluma Sculpture, aka The Feather"

Staff noted that the panel's recommendations have been reviewed by Public Works staff to identify and problem-solve any possible logistical issues with the pieces selected or the locations in which they were recommended for placement. Public Works noted that the site-specific Downstream will need further consultation with the artist but they are willing to work with the artist to troubleshoot and execute the work.

Motion to accept the panel's recommended sculpture selections and their proposed placement as presented included of the site-specific sculpture 'Downstream' by Artist Brian Petrone pending further logistical review between Artist and City staff by Commissioner Neuhaus, seconded by Commissioner Riedel. Commissioners Halder, Decker, Siegert, Daugherty, Neuhaus, Levasseur, Riedel voted to approve motion; Motion passed.

Motion to accept the panel's recommended alternate sculpture selections and to allow Staff to use alternates as they see fit to fill any exhibition voids by Commissioner Siegert, seconded by Commissioner Decker. Commissioners Halder, Decker, Siegert, Daugherty, Neuhaus, Levasseur, Riedel voted to approve motion; Motion passed.

Motion to recommend carryover and use of \$1,800 in existing FY21 Art on the River program balances to support inclusion of an 11<sup>th</sup> sculpture by Commissioner Neuhaus, seconded by Commissioner Halder. Commissioners Halder, Decker, Siegert, Daugherty, Neuhaus, Levasseur, Riedel voted to approve motion; Motion passed.

Discussion followed on Commissioners volunteering and supporting Art on the River reception. Staff noted the need to identify community members willing to provide home stays for Art on the River artists during installation time period or evening of reception. Commissioner Neuhaus asked Staff to draft and forward a call to action that could be shared with others in the community; Staff to provide.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Siegert, seconded by Commissioner Riedel. Meeting adjourned at 4:22PM.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 3:30PM via GoToMeeting and possibly in-person at location TBD**

Respectfully submitted:

Jenni Petersen-Brant  
Arts & Cultural Affairs Coordinator, City of Dubuque

These minutes were passed and approved on June 22, 2021.

Witnessed By: *Paula Neahaus* \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)  
Paula Neahaus (printed)  
Vice-Chair (officer position)

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