



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION (A&CA) MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, 26 April 2022

TIME: 3:36 PM

LOCATION: Rm. 2, Multicultural Family Center, The Ruby Sutton Building, 1157 Central Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (vice-chair); Ryan DECKER (recorder); Noelle CHESNEY, 3:42; Sue RIEDEL; Thomas ROBBINS.

Commissioners Excused: Paula NEUHAUS (chair); Ali LEVASSEUR.

Staff Present: Jenni PETERSEN-BRANT (coordinator); Mike WILLIAMS (intern).

Halder called the meeting to order following staff assurance of Iowa Open Meeting compliance at 3:36 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

Minor grammatical change proposed for the 22 March 2022 minutes. Approval of minutes with proposed change motioned by Riedel, seconded by Robbins. Vote: Unanimously affirmed.

Motion carries.

Taskforce & Working Group Reports

Petersen-Brant provided written and oral progress updates from active Master Plan Taskforce Groups (see appendix) with brief discussion of Commissioners. Acceptance of reports to minutes motioned by Decker, seconded by Riedel. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. ***Motion carries.***

Status Reports

(3:42.) Petersen-Brant provided written and oral progress updates of A&CA programs, grants and administrative business (see appendix). Most discussion centered around (1) Arts & Economic Prosperity study and feasibility to receive 200+ (25%+) participant responses from BIPOC-led events and (2) gauging progress of upcoming Art on the River exhibit and opening event. Acceptance of reports to minutes motioned by Decker, seconded by Chesney. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. ***Motion carries.***

Old Business

1. **Strategic Plan** now has resources available on a Sharepoint page shared with Commissioners.

2. **Terms Expiring** this cycle for Commissioners Decker, Halder, Levasseur and Riedel. The City Clerk's office will be reaching out to commissioners about re-entering the pool of candidates for the next cycle. Decker plans to let his term expire without renewal, though remains interested in serving on A&CA taskforces and working groups (particularly Art on the River and Public Art Policy). Commissioners discussed potential opportunities to adjust term roll-offs and cycles to lessen the potential loss of 2/3rds commissioners at a time. Petersen-Brant will investigate what the charter allows.

New Business

1. **Goal Setting Worksheet** for City Council was introduced as presented by Petersen-Brant. Motion to approve submission of this draft to City Council Motioned by Decker, seconded by Robbins. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. ***Motion carries.***
2. **Art en Route** submissions have been collected. The program must continue to move swiftly to stay on targeted goals. Authorization to have the Art en Route committee make final selections and move the program forward motioned by Riedel, seconded by Chesney (no need to return to the Commission for approval). Vote: Unanimously affirmed. ***Motion carries.***

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

Upcoming Events / Community Engagement

Commissioners reported on upcoming events and community engagement activities:

1. **Getting Sara Married**, Bell Tower Theater, through 22 April
2. **Farmer's Market**, opens 7 May
3. **No Exit**, Loras Players (Loras College), 5-7 May

Adjournment motioned by Robbins, seconded by Riedel at 4:46 PM. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. ***Motion carried.***

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, 24 May 2022 at 3:30 PM, Multicultural Family Center

Respectfully submitted:

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

These minutes were passed and approved on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

Witnessed By: *Nick Halder* _____ (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Vice-Chair (officer position)

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