



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION TENTATIVE AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2023

TIME: 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Multicultural Family Center, [1157 Central Ave](#), Dubuque, IA 52001

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (chair); Tom ROBBINS (vice-chair); Noelle CHESNEY; Sue RIEDEL; Paula NEUHAUS; Laura MERRICK ; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL (recorder)

Commissioners Absent: Doug DONALD

Staff Present: Jill CONNORS (Economic Development Director); Mike WILLIAMS (intern)

Public Present:

HALDER called the meeting to order following staff assurance of Iowa Open Meeting compliance at 3:34 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

Roll call conducted followed by approval of 28 March 2023 minutes Robbins moved to approve the minutes with corrections and NEUHAUS seconded Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. **Motion carries.***

Staff Status Reports

Staff Status Reports – CONNORS will be offering the Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager position to a candidate tonight.

MERRICK stated Operations Support Grants will close on Friday. Volunteers are secure for the grants and providing orientation. Arts on the River closed on Friday. 30 have been submitted.

WILLIAMS stated AEP6 survey is closing soon so send events his way to collect more surveys. 26 completed out of 65 surveys sent. Reminders will be sent today.

Master Plan Working Group Updates – Creative Café is taking place Wednesday, April 26 as part of the Julien Dubuque Film Festival.

Old Business

1. Strategic Plan Reporting – Grant subcommittee
2. 2023-24 Art on the River Exhibition-Update

New Business

- a. CONNORS updated that response was positive with 14 applications which led to full funding at \$27,015 for the NEA (ARPA) Creative Empowerment Subgrant Funding, Round 1. Extra funding will be used for other line items not supported as well as grant requests in Round 2. ROBBINS moved to approve what MERRICK recommended, REIDEL seconded. Unanimously approved. ***Motion carries.***
- b. Discussion that regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 23, 2023 from 3:30-5:00pm at Multicultural Family Center to make recommendations for Art on the River submissions.
- c. Discussion on funding strategies will be had at our May meeting.

Public Comment/Correspondence Kara MURPHY -Director of Development at Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

Adjournment motioned by REIDEL seconded by CHESNEY at Vote: Unanimously affirmed.
Motion carries.

Next meeting(s): Regular Meeting- Monday, May 23, 2023

Respectfully submitted:

Jill Connors
Economic Development Director, City of Dubuque

These minutes were passed and approved on _____ May 23, 2023.

Witnessed By: _____ *Nick Halder* (signature)
_____ Nick Halder (printed)
_____ Chair (officer position)