



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

DATE: Tuesday, June 27, 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); Doug DONALD; Sue RIEDEL; Paula NEUHAUS; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL (recorder)

Commissioners Absent: Noelle CHESNEY

Staff Present: Jill CONNORS (coordinator); Laura MERRICK (Communications and Grant Administration Assistant)

Public Present: Ali LEVASSEUR Community artist; Kara MURPHY Director of Development for the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra

HALDER called the meeting to order following staff assurance of Iowa Open Meeting compliance at 3:35 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

Roll call conducted followed by approval of 23 May 2023 minutes. NEUHAUS moved to approve with corrections seconded by DONALD. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

Staff Status Reports

MERRICK reported NEA applications are being accepted until July 14th. CONNORS reported that Bonnie Spurling will start July 5th as the Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager. Michael Williams will coordinate the artist's pieces for the Riverwalk.

Master Plan Working Group Updates

None to report.

Old Business

Strategic Plan Reporting – ROBBINS reported there is nothing at this time; NEUHAUS and team have been working on Priority 3.

New Business

Funding for FY24 Special Projects Grants were reviewed. NEUHAUS motioned to approve Option B seconded by ROBBINS. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. **Motion carries.***

Funding for FY24 Operational Support Grants were reviewed. ROBBINS moved to approve Option A seconded by NEUHAUS. *Unanimously affirmed. **Motion carries.***

Public Comment/Correspondence

LEVASSEUR asked if awards will be published as public record. MERRICK stated that would happen on JULY 6.

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

NEUHAUS reported the River Museum is celebrating their 20th anniversary today and there are special events surrounding the event.

Adjournment motioned by REIDEL seconded by ROBBINS at 4:23

Next meeting(s): Regular Meeting – Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie Spurling
Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager, City of Dubuque

These minutes were passed and approved on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Witnessed By: Nick Halder (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)