



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 22, 2023

TIME: 3:30 PM

LOCATION: Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Ave., Dubuque, IA 52001

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (chair); Paula NEUHAUS (recorder); Doug DONALD; Sue RIEDEL

Commissioners Absent: Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL; Tom ROBBINS; Noelle CHESNEY (vice-chair)

Staff Present: Bonnie SPURLING (Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager); Laura MERRICK (Communications and Grant Administration Assistant); Mike Williams (Intern)

Public Present: Ali Levasseur (Artist); Dale Campbell (Positive Productions Plus)

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 July 25, 2023 minutes. DONALD moved to approve with corrections seconded by RIEDEL. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries*

Status Reports Staff

MERRICK presented Creative Empowerment Round 2 funding strategies. RIEDEL moved to approve strategies as presented. DONALD seconded. Vote: *Unanimously*

affirmed. **Motion carries.** Recommendations will go before City Council on September 5, 2023.

HALDER thanked MERRICK for her hard work and strong recommendations to make the Creative Empowerment funding program a success.

New Business

NEUHAUS resigned from role as Recorder. Elections for new Recorder will take place at September meeting. Staff (WILLIAMS) has agreed to take notes on behalf of the Recorder moving forward.

Public Comment/Correspondence

RIEDEL acknowledged that Staff & Volunteers implemented a successful Art on the River opening event of August 4, 2023.

LEVASSEUR thanked Commission for offering individual artists grants. LEVASSEUR shared that the DBQFST and City partnership was a success and would like to continue in future.

CAMPBELL asked questions about scoring and rubric procedures.

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

RIEDEL shared that Kids Forgot the Dogs Died at Bell Tower has one week left.

DONALD shared that FBNP new production, School for Wives, opens on September 15, 2023.

Adjournment motioned by DONALD seconded by RIEDEL at **4:15 PM**.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 3:30 PM at the Multicultural Family Center

Respectfully submitted:
Bonnie Spurling
Arts & Cultural Affairs Manager, City of Dubuque

These minutes were passed and approved on September 26, 2023

Witnessed By *Nick Halder* (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair
(officer position)