



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 24, 2023

TIME: 3:35 PM

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

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (chair); Noelle CHESNEY (vice-chair); Paula NEUHAUS (recorder); Doug DONALD; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL; Sue RIEDEL

Commissioners Absent:; Tom ROBBINS;

Staff Present: Bonnie SPURLING (Arts and Cultural Affairs Manager); Mike WILLIAMS (Intern)

Public Present: None

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 was skipped due to only Commissioners and city staff present. HALDER suggested approval of September 26, 2023, minutes with edits to correct the date, corrections of who made motions, and removal of incorrect statements by NEUHAUS.

RIEDEL moved to approve with corrections seconded by DAVIS-ORWOLL. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. DONALD abstains due to absence. Motion carries.*

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING updated commission first with positive information of moving forward with all current grant projects. Regarding the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Asphalt Art Initiative Grant, remaining 8 murals have been contracted out and are set to be completed. Remainder of grant funds will be used to pay Gigantic for professional photography of each bus stop mural.

SPURLING provided an update about the Iowa Tourism grant funds being used to complete “All Together Dubuque” campaign. SPURLING met with original committee members and Gigantic. Phase one completed, remaining grant funds will be used for Gigantic to complete Phase 2 within 6 weeks, allowing for a potential launch date of January 2024 during Creatives Cafe.

SPURLING has upcoming meeting to further work on the Dubuque Arts and Culture Master Plan and Achievelt reporting software.

SPURLING completed proclamation for National Arts and Humanities month and presented at City Council meeting.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

SPURLING provided a brief update from a Master Plan working group.

Old Business – Strategic Plan Reporting

HALDER reported upcoming meeting to update status for priority two. NEUHAUS advised group for priority three has developed plan and are working to complete.

HALDER shared context for Strategic Plan objectives and status. NEUHAUS requested a group check in regarding Strategic Plan be added to November Commission agenda.

New Business – Arts & Economic Prosperity VI Results

SPURLING and WILLIAMS presented data findings presented by Americans for the Arts, discussed data implementation and use for advocacy.

Public Comment/Correspondence

None

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

DONALD shares Fly-By-Night Productions will be producing two Shakespeare acts, the first happening this weekend located at Convivium Urban Farmstead on Oct 29th.

Adjournment motioned by DONALD seconded by DAVIS-ORWOLL at **5:06 PM**.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 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 November 21, 2023

Witnessed By *Nick Halder* (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)