



## ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

---

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 27, 2023

**TIME:** 3:33 PM

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

### **Regular Meeting**

**Commissioners Present:** Nicholas HALDER (chair); Noelle CHESNEY (vice-chair); Tom Robbins; Doug DONALD; Paula NEUHAUS

**Commissioners Absent:** Sue RIEDEL; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL

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

**Public Present:** Bree Hernandez, Alessandro Barboglio

HALDER called the meeting to order following staff assurance of Iowa Open Meeting compliance at 3:33 PM.

### **Roll Call & Review of Minutes**

Roll call conducted, followed by approval of November 22, 2023 minutes with no edits.

DONALD moved to approve with corrections seconded by ROBBINS. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.

### **Status Reports from Staff**

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs;

Winter Arts Snow Sculpting competition will be held February 8-11, 2024 with this year planning to add a teen sculpting team.

SPURLING reports committee for Art on the River has been meeting and chosen the theme for Art on the River 2024 –2025 of “Culture Conversation”.

Altogether Dubuque marketing campaign will be completed by Gigantic by January 18<sup>th</sup>, for a launch at Creatives Cafe scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### **Updates From Master Plan Working Groups**

No updates to report from Master Plan working groups.

### **Old Business – Strategic Plan Goals Reporting and Discussion**

Discussion took place regarding the strategic priorities and objectives created by the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission, for the Commission. Priorities will continue to be reviewed by the Commission.

### **New Business – Dubuque Museum of Art Special Projects Grant Request**

SPURLING reports receiving an inquiry from the Dubuque Museum of Art requesting for a change in project and use of funds which were awarded from Special Projects Grant.

Commission discussed and agreed to deny this request, with recommendation for the Dubuque Museum of Art to return grant funds.

DONALD motion to deny this request, NEUHAUS seconds. Vote: Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.

### **Public Comment/Correspondence**

None

### **Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners**

None Reported.

Adjournment motioned by ROBBINS seconded by NEUHAUS at **4:59 PM**.

### **Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 23, 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 January 23, 2023

Witnessed By Nick Halder (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)