



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

TIME: 3:33 PM

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

Regular Meeting

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

Commissioners Absent:; Noelle CHESNEY (vice-chair);

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

Public Present: None

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

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

Roll call was skipped due to only Commissioners and City staff present at the time of roll call.

NEUHAUS moved to approve minutes from December 27, 2023, with corrections provided by HALDER, seconded by RIEDEL. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs;

Winter Arts Snow Sculpting Festival still in motion to occur February 8-11, currently have received applications for six teams, with no teen teams at this time.

AllTogether Dubuque will be launched on the new Creatives Cafe date, March 7, 2024. Gigantic fulfilling phase two to complete Alltogether website before launch.

Art on the River call for artists and application will open on January 25, 2024.

Creatives Cafe to take place at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium from 6 – 8 p.m on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

Old Business – Other

SPURLING reports the Dubuque Museum of Art has returned Special Project grant funding in the amount of \$4,832, requesting to roll this money over to future grant programs.

RIEDEL motions to approve request, seconded by NEUHAUS.

Old Business – Commission Strategic Plan Goals – Reporting and Discussion

HALDER reports meeting with commissioners NEUHAUS and City staff Spurling to discuss the status and recommendations for the commission's current strategic priorities.

HALDER reports most progress is currently underway with priorities one and three.

HALDER advises of priority two and four may not be appropriate work for the commission, rather City staff and recommends commission removes its current second and fourth priorities.

New Business – Operating Support Grant Updates for Review and Acceptance

NEUHAUS presents a summary of changes made to Operating Support Grant application to create better understanding for applicants and a more streamlined process. RIEDEL and SPURLING highlight the leadership and work done by NEUHAUS.

ROBBINS motions to approve changes to Operating Support Grant application, DAVIS-ORWOLL seconds.

Public Comment/Correspondence

None

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

DONALD reports for Fly-By-Night Production company will be hosting play "Wishlist" the weekend of January 26-28 and February 2-3 in the Bijou Room of the Five Flags Center.

Adjournment motioned by DONALD seconded by DAVIS-ORWOLL at 4:48 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 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 February 27, 2024

Witnessed By *Nick Halder* (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)