



## **ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, July 23, 2024

**TIME:** 3:40 PM

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

### **Regular Meeting**

**Commissioners Present:** Nicholas HALDER (chair); Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL; Tom ROBBINS; Doug DONALD;

**Commissioners Absent:** FRANCO MENCHACA

**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 3:34 PM.

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

Roll call was skipped due to only commissioners and City staff present.

ROBBINS moved to approve minutes from June 25, 2024, with corrections provided by HALDER and RIEDEL, seconded by DONALD. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

The entire commission agrees HALDER does a great job in his role as Chair, DONALD motions, RIEDEL seconds. No further discussion. *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

HALDER nominates DONALD for role of Vice Chair, ROBBINS seconds.

No further discussion. *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

DONALD nominates RIEDEL for role of Recorder, DAVIS-ORWOLL seconds.

No further discussion. *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

### **Status Reports from Staff**

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs:

New Art on the River sculptures will be installing the last week of July up until the day of the opening reception. The reception will include dancing activities, spoken word performances, a live saxophone player and a local DJ set.

SPURLING was able to get brochures for this years exhibit translated to both Spanish and Marshallese.

SPURLING also reports that both the Special Projects and Operating Support grants have been approved and final reports will be due from organizations by end of August.

RIEDEL commends SPURLING for her diligent work.

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

None

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

No new updates. Chair and new Vice Chair will meet to discuss the Commission's Strategic Plan, Objective A.

### **New Business**

None

### **Public Comment/Correspondence**

None

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

RIEDEL reports new play with Bell Tower Theatre "Is there life after 50?" will start on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment motioned by DONALD seconded by DAVIS-ORWOLL at 4:53 PM.

**Next Regular Meeting:** Tuesday, August 27, 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 24, 2024

Witnessed By \_\_\_\_\_ *Nick Halder* \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)