



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING REPORT

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2024

TIME: 3:36 PM

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

Non Regular Meeting (No quorum, not enough commissioners present)

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (chair); Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL; Franco MENCHACA

Commissioners Absent: Doug DONALD; Sue Riedel; Tom ROBBINS;

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

Public Present: Ali Levasseur; Brianna Thompson

HALDER addressed no official meeting will be called due to no quorum, group began to discuss at 3:36 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

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

No approval of July 2024 minutes due to no quorum.

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs:

Art on the River was a great success this year, very well received opening night and reveal of new public sculptures. Official brochures will be printed this week in three languages; English, Spanish and Marshallese.

SPURLING shares upcoming Grants calendar and advises grant final reports due end of the month.

SPURLING advises of an open position on the Resilient Community Advisory Commission.

SPURLING reads letter of thanks from Bell Tower Theatre for their receipt of recent grants.

SPURLING provides update on Creative Café, nothing currently planned but hoping to get committee together in the coming weeks to plan.

SPURLING advises she will be submitting improvement package this year and has been tasked with re-igniting the Arts & Culture Masterplan working groups and would like the commissions help to define what “culture” means.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

None

Old Business – Commission Strategic Plan Goals – Reporting and Discussion

None

New Business

None

Public Comment/Correspondence

Thompson reads personal letter to commission, urging grants commission to reconsider eligibility for first year non-profits for City Arts & Culture grants.

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

None

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 2023, at 3:30 PM at the Multicultural Family Center

Respectfully submitted:

Bonnie Spurling

