



ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2024

TIME: 3:36 PM

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

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: Nicholas HALDER (chair); Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL; Franco MENCHACA; Doug DONALD; Sue RIEDEL;

Commissioners Absent: Tom ROBBINS;

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

Public Present: Ali Levasseur;

HALDER called the meeting to order following staff assurance of Iowa Open Meeting compliance at 3:36 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

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

RIEDEL motions to accept minutes of July 2024 minutes with changes, DAVIS-ORWOLL seconds. Vote unanimously passed. No further discussion.

MENCHACA abstained from voting due to absence.

Officer and Committee Appointments

Commission discussed officers and sub-committee makeup. Commissioners are ok with current assignments, HALDER will meet with MENCHACA to explain commission strategic plan.

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs:

Creative Café committee will be meeting to re-ignite and plan upcoming Creatives Café.

The public Art policy working group has a draft they will be meeting and sharing with Dubuque's City Manager.

SPURLING advises she will be submitting a very similar improvement package for the Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

None

Old Business – Commission Strategic Plan Goals – Reporting and Discussion

Grants committee had recent meeting.

New Business

Commission meeting for December was rescheduled from December 24th to December 17th.

Grants Eligibility Requirements

HALDER reports grants subcommittee has met recently and reviewed feedback received regarding eligibility for Operational Support Grants.

Grants Final Reports

SPURLING reported three organizations who have received grants have not submitted their final reports before the deadline.

Commission discussed whether organizations are eligible for future grants, HALDER verifying with Iowa Arts Council for options on how to deal with this issue.

Public Comment/Correspondence

SPURLING read personal letter to commission from Dubuque Chorale, The Dubuque Children's Choir, and the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra, thanking the Commission for their recent support through grant awards.

Levasseur with the Fine Art Society also thanks commission for grant award, and also suggests commission could extend deadline for final reports to keep organizations in good standing.

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

RIEDEL advises Bell Tower Theatre will be showing new play "Love, Lies and the Lottery" showing from October 11-27.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 24, 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 _____, 2023

Witnessed By _____ (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)