



ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2024

TIME: 3:34 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; Sue RIEDEL;

Commissioners Absent: Franco MENCHACA;

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 3:34 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

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

DONALD motions to accept minutes from September with changes, DAVIS-ORWOLL seconds. Vote unanimously passed. No further discussion.

Officer and Committee Appointments

Committee appointments for MENCHACA skipped due to his absence.

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs:

Creatives Café committee recently met and decided on four quarterly dates in 2025. Location for dates have not yet been determined.

Art on the River committee has upcoming meeting to discuss the theme for next years exhibit.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

None

Old Business Updates from Grants Subcommittee

Grants committee had recent meeting, continues to work on finetuning grant guidelines, which they will then bring back to the full commission for review. Proper NTE code will remain an eligibility guideline for upcoming year.

New Business

SPURLING recently met with the City Manager to continue to discuss a public temporary Art policy.

Public Comment/Correspondence

Levasseur advises she will share open commission seats with an email list she has for the Bluff Street corridor.

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

Tom Robbins announced his resignation from the Commission as he has accepted a new position in Minnesota and will be relocating soon.

Adjournment motioned by ROBBINS seconded by RIEDEL at 4:27 PM.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 26, 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 _____ January 21, 2025

Witnessed By Nick Halder (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)