



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

TIME: 3:31 PM

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

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: David BARBA; Gail CHAVENELLE; Doug DONALD; Nicholas HALDER (chair);

Commissioners Absent: Aaron HEFEL; Franco MENCHACA; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL

Staff Present: Adrienne BREITFELDER; Patricia GLEASON; 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 3:31 PM.

Roll Call & Review of Minutes

Commission took roll call due to City of Dubuque staff present at the meeting.

DONALD moved to approve minutes from March 25, 2025, seconded by CHAVENELLE. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

Status Reports from Staff

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs;

Operating Support Grant is in financial / eligibility review stage, 20 applications were submitted. Special Projects Grant still open until April 25, 2025.

8th Creatives Café was hosted, lower attendance but still successful event.

Updates From Master Plan Working Groups

NONE

Old Business – Proposed Arts & Culture Advisory Commission Ordinance Changes

BREITFELDER and GLEASON advise on upcoming changes to Advisory Commission ordinance, group discussion took place.

New Business

SPURLING advises Laura Merrick has temporarily rejoined her City roll assisting with Operating Support grant review for the City of Dubuque's Office of Arts and Culture.

Public Comment/Correspondence

None

Events and Engagement Reporting from Commissioners

None

Adjournment at 4:46 PM due to CHAVENELLE leaving and no longer having a quorum.

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 2025, 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 _____ May 27, 2025

Witnessed By Nick Halder (signature)

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)