



## ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 27, 2025

**TIME:** 3:32 PM

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

### **Regular Meeting**

**Commissioners Present:** David BARBA; Gail CHAVENELLE; Doug DONALD; Nicholas HALDER (chair); Aaron HEFEL; Shirley DAVIS-ORWOLL

### **Commissioners Absent:**

**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 3:32 PM.

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

Commission skipped roll call due to familiarity of all commissioners and no public persons present.

BARBA motions to approve minutes from April 22, 2025, with revisions, seconded by DONALD. Vote: *Unanimously affirmed.* **Motion carries.**

### **Officer and Committee Appointments**

Commission will wait to appoint roles until the July commission meeting when new commissioners have been appointed by City Council.

### **Status Reports from Staff**

SPURLING reports for Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs;

Operating Support Grant is in the final review stage, commission will receive the recommendations of grant reviewers at next commission meeting.

Art on the River committee has met and began the planning of this years opening ceremony, hosted August 1<sup>st</sup> at the Grand River Center.

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

None

### **Old Business – Proposed Arts & Culture Advisory Commission Ordinance Changes**

Discussion took place regarding the commission's understanding of the newly proposed ordinance changes for the Arts & Culture Advisory Commission.

CHAVENELLE motions to approve, HEFEL seconds.

Vote: *Unanimously affirmed. Motion carries.*

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

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Public Comment/Correspondence**

None

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

DONALD advised of Fly-By-Night Productions, "The Glass Menagerie". Shows beginning June 6<sup>th</sup> at Five Flags Center.

DONALD also advises of recent Twain impersonation at Dubuque Area event.

CHAVENELLE advises of First Fridays occurring next Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

HALDER advises of Footloose performances beginning June 20<sup>th</sup> at Grand Opera House

HEFEL advises of live music at the lift on Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Adjournment motioned by DAVIS-ORWOLL seconded by BARBA at 4:39 PM.

**Next Regular Meeting:** June 24, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ June 24, 2025

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

Nick Halder (printed)

Chair (officer position)