

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

November 24th, 2015

Lacy Board Room, Carnegie Stout Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marina O'Rourke at 4:35 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Katherine Kluseman, Marina O'Rourke, Sue Riedel, Ellen Henkels, and Gina Siegert, Matthew Gregory

Staff present: Maurice Jones

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of July 28th 2015: O'Rourke made a motion, second by Siegert to receive and file the minutes. Motion carried 5-0. (Jones explained the delay in receiving the September 22nd meeting notes, but was working towards having them ready for the December 14th meeting)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Coordinator Status Update

Jones informed the Advisory Commission of his conversation with Arts and Culture Coordinator Debra Alleyne and her status. He stated that that he had a conversation with Debra and that she is moving through the process and anticipates her return at the end of December.

2. Economic Development Budget

Jones informed the commission that he had not been advised as to date of any cuts in regards to funding. Riedel asked concerning support for making the Coordinator position full-time, and Henkels inquired concerning potential deadlines with the Budget. Jones stated that the Commission could make a request at any time in regards to needs before the final submittal of the budget. O'Rourke requested that the minutes reflect the fact that the Commission's desire was to see no further cuts in its grant programs. The Commission believes that in order to support the master Plan that is being developed, continued funding of Arts and Culture programs are critical to maintain the success and eventual implementation of Master plan. Henkels reiterated the need to have the Arts and Culture Plan tied to Economic development for purposes of implementation and focus. Riedel discussed the Grants program impact to the economic impact of the City, and to cut anything from it would be detrimental to various cultural groups that are doing programs that help tourism, business and education. Riedel felt that the Coordinator position should be full-time to effectively implement the components of the Master Plan. O'Rourke discussed the need of the position to cover operations/business of the commission and implementing the components of the master plan. However funding the position should not reduce current grants. Siegert inquired about

implementation funding. Discussion continued on the process once the plan was received and reviewed and what potential next steps could be in regards to various components of the plan. Riedel inquired about the need to point out the need of continued operational support for the City. Budget discussion ensued. In order to maintain the momentum of the master planning process the Commission would encourage continued and sustained funding support by the City Council to further the implementation of the Master plan.

Recommendation review

Jones presented for review the changes suggested by the commission to grant applications and tip sheets. The commission reviewed each document and change for the previous meeting. Discussion on language ensued on the Guidelines and tips for operational support, Guidelines and tips for special projects. Clarification and verification of proposed language was discussed and decided to be included.

ITEMS FROM COMMISION

Kluseman discussed the Arts and culture feed section of *City news*. Next Commission meeting would be December 15th 2015 at the Bell Tower Theater, 2728 Asbury Rd, Dubuque, IA 52001 at 4:30 p.m.

Kluseman discussed the Dead artist exhibition on December 13th at the Dubuque Museum of Art.

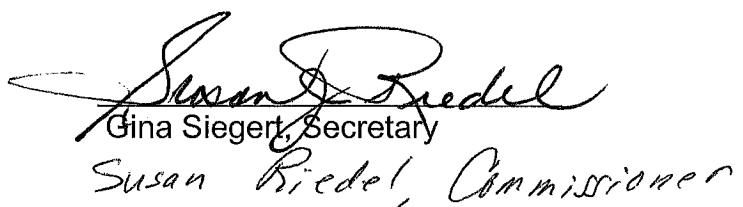
ADJOURNMENT – Riedel made a motion to adjourn, second by Henkels. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:
Maurice S. Jones
Economic Development Director

These minutes were passed and approved on

December 15, 2015


Gina Siegert, Secretary
Susan Riedel, Commissioner