

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

July 12, 2016

Aigler Auditorium, Carnegie Stout Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Susan Riedel at 4:30 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Sue Riedel, Ellen Henkels, Gina Siegert, Nicholas Bratcher,
Commissioners absent: Matthew Gregory

Commissioners not sworn in: David Schmitz, Mary Armstrong

Staff present: Debra Alleyne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of June 28th 2016 Minutes were amended by Henkels that in future grants the ratio will be put on the front of the scorecard as well as amount of grant funding request. Siegert made a motion, second by Henkels to receive and file the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Oath of Office

David Schmitz and Mary Armstrong were sworn in and continued to participate in the meeting as commissioners.

2. Finalize and approve the funding schemes for the Operating Support and Special Projects Grants

Alleyne explained that due to a change in some figures, the Operating Grant funding scheme would need to be voted on and approved again. Schmitz asked for a brief understanding of rank and percentage awarded and Alleyne recapped the process of scoring and broke down the agreed upon funding schemes.

Voting followed. Siegert moved that the revised funding for Operating Support be approved and the motion was second by Nick Bratcher. The commissioners viewed the funding scheme for the Special Projects Grant and a motion was made to accept the funding scheme by Riedel and seconded by Siegert. Riedel and Schmitz recused themselves from the vote.

Alleyne again recommended that the highest scoring organization receiving Operating Support should have the honor and responsibility of performing a demonstration at the City council meeting where the Arts and Humanities month proclamation would take place. This year it would be the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra. Henkels made this motion and Schmitz seconded.

The commission agreed that the election of officers should be postponed till all members of the commission were present. Therefore the next meeting would be scheduled for Tuesday August 2nd. At 4:30pm

ITEMS FROM COMMISION

Siegert reintroduced the idea that the commission considers advocating for temporary art in the Bee Branch. Discussion followed. It was decided that the commission recommend a policy for public art in the Bee Branch.

Alleyne reintroduced the discussion continued for an Art on the River Winter program. She indicated that this was introduced to the Art on the River Committee. There was interest in timing the event to coordinate with the Winterfest at the Dubuque River Museum.

Alleyne informed the commission that she had scheduled a meeting with Alliant Energy about a possible partnership to include a bridge illumination project.

Riedel suggested that the commissioners review and amend the grant programs soon to make the most of our observations.

ADJOURNMENT – Riedel made a motion to adjourn, second by Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:
Debra Alleyne
Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on

August 23, 2016


Gina Siegert, Secretary