

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

April 25, 2017

American Trust, Carnegie Stout Public Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Riedel at 4:04 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Mary Armstrong, Matthew Gregory, Ellen Henkels, Sue Riedel, David Schmitz, and Gina Siegert,

Commissioners Absent: Nicholas Bratcher (excused)

Staff present: Debra Alleyne

Commission Guest presenters

- 1. Address from Assistant City Managers Cindy Steinhauser and Teri Goodmann on the Arts and Cultural Affairs Master Plan Implementation**
Cindy Steinhauser and Teri Goodman addressed the commission on their recommendations for the implementation phase of the Master Plan. These recommendations outlined a goal setting process, strategy session, reporting mechanism, and sustainability component. They discussed how a streamlined approach could better engage arts groups and attract more resources. They recommended that the commissioners revisit the priorities outlined in the Master Plan in preparation for the facilitated session. The city managers shared with the commission their take on the best strategy to communicate its progress with the City Council and the precedent that has been used for master plans of various types in the community. Both the commission and the city managers agreed to a facilitated session scheduled for May 9th 4pm – 6pm.
- 2. Imagine Dubuque Presentation by Ose Akinlotan and David Johnson**
David and Ose presented the Imagine Dubuque Comprehensive Plan process to the commission. They reiterated that it is a community driven model and serves to help the City Council in prioritizing the complex tapestry of city initiatives. This process has been adopted in Dubuque and many other communities because it provides public value. The public workshops encouraged inclusivity and understanding of who the real stakeholders are. They encouraged the commissioners to participate by:
 - Visiting the website
 - Downloading the free project app
 - Attending the equity workshop on June 27th
 - Hosting Imagine DBQ Idea Board at office or place
 - Recommend groups that Imagine Dubuque should engage with

New Business

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of March 28th, 2016. Motion to accept minutes with minor corrections by Commissioner Schmitz and seconded by Commissioner Siegert. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Art on the River update

One finalist must be replaced because his piece was no longer available and therefore the jury would be invited to select one of the alternates. The reception is being planned at the Grand River Center as usual for June 29th. Alleyne suggested that youth musicians be given the opportunity to perform at the reception and has contacted River Breitbach, a musician previously booked to perform at the reception, as a source. Alleyne hopes to make other art forms a larger part of the program. Alleyne enlisted the help of the commissioners for names of keynote speakers for the reception and asked that all commissioners send suggestions by the end of the week.

2. Grant workshop

Alleyne reported that the last of the workshops had concluded. She did her best to convey the updates to the program to all attendees and when needed she consulted with both city staff and commissioners to ensure that questions were adequately answered. Due to the dwindling time the other items on the agenda were tabled.

ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Henkels made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Siegert at 5:34 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Debra Alleyne
Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on

May 23, 2017


Gina Siegert, Secretary