

Minutes

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 23, 2018

Lacey Board Room, Carnegie Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Henkels 4:05 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Mary Armstrong, Matthew Gregory (4:09), Ellen Henkels, Ali Levasseur, Susan Riedel, David Schmitz

Commissioners absent: Gina Siegert

Staff present: Debra Alleyne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of motioned by Susan Riedel and seconded by Mary Armstrong, on January 23, 2018. Motion to accept carried 6-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion: Future of Continuum sculpture

Alleyne described a conversation with the Director of Leisure Services, Marie Ware of Leisure Services regarding Continuum. The director asked about the sculpture believing it to be a temporary installation. She asked because her department wanted to examine the infrastructure beneath the piece. Alleyne continued saying that the request for Continuum's relocation at the Grand River Center was a temporary one and that if the commission felt differently it would be up to them to petition for a permanent assignment. Commissioner Riedel said that she believes the piece should remain because it aesthetically enhanced the space and was a good location for this local piece to be exhibited so that the public would have access to it. Commissioner Armstrong asked if a letter that the commission received from Lenora Howard in support of the sculpture has been shared with the City Council but that couldn't be confirmed. Chair Henkels made a motion that the Continuum be permanently assigned to its current location and that the commission provide a letter to City Council to that effect. Motion was seconded by Mary Armstrong and passed 6-0.

2. Update: on Art in the Park: Snow Sculpting event

Alleyne reminded the commission of the history of the event. They approved the use of \$5000 in 2016 for the event and City Council approved the use of \$1500. In 2016 as commission minutes will reflect, there was a motion made to postpone the event. Since 2017 The Dubuque Museum of Art has been in contact with the city as a partner for the event. Commissioner Schmitz described to the commission the nature of that role. Chair Henkels inquired after Winterfun Inc. and Alleyne told the commission that the sanction agreement with the US National Snow Sculpting Competition was renewed and that we discussed the process and participation level in the event with them to make sure that we were

Tim McNamara was selected to receive the award. The date of the event has not yet been determined.

ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Riedel, made a motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Schmitz. Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.

Next meeting. February 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Alleyne

Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on

Kimberly

May 15, 2018

Gina Siegert, Secretary