

Minutes

## ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

November 27, 2018

Five Flags Center,  
405 Main St, Dubuque, IA 52001

**The meeting was called to order by David Schmitz 3:48 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.**

**Commissioners present:** Mary Armstrong, Ali Levasseur, David Schmitz, Gina Siegert, Susan Riedel, Late: Tyler Daugherty

**Commissioners Absent:** Paula Neuhaus

**Staff present:** Debra Alleyne

**Motion to accept MINUTES** of October 23, 2018. Motion to accept minutes with changes made by Commissioner Levasseur and seconded by Commissioner Armstrong. Motion passed 5-0

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Art Means Business Luncheon

Alleyne updated the date of the events to December 13 and the keynote speaker Stephanie Pruitt is still available. She connected with the Creative Adventure Lab to be the local speaker at the Arts and business events. Start Up Dubuque will fund the speaker with a grant but will need to reach out to students and minority business groups. The Luncheon will be held at 11:30 at GRC and Business on the Arts at 5:30-7:30 at the Smokestack. Commissioner Schmitz will reach out to NICC to check possibilities of Pruitt speaking to a class there. Commissioner Levasseur mentioned there should be a table set up to hand out Task Force information to join working groups.

#### 2. Art in the Park

Chairman Schmitz updated the commission that the event will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday. The week leading up to the event will be preparation and sculpting from Wednesday to Saturday. At this time, there are about four snow artists confirmed.

#### 3. Master Plan Task Force

Chairman Schmitz updated the group on the last meeting. Five Flags will present a more in-depth report on their project at the December 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. Discussion followed. The Task Force subcommittee had hoped to have Maurice Jones attend the January meeting and discuss new opportunity zones for art and culture in the City's development projects. Alleyne hoped to report quarterly to Council with the next update towards March with a recommendation of a public art policy. Discussion followed.

#### **4. Grant Committee Report**

Commissioner Daugherty reported on progress with January to be target date. Feedback on scoring rubric would be on the suggestions. Discussion followed.

#### **4. Art on the River**

Commissioner Siegert reported that the calendar was made at the last meeting and group should meet in December to focus on securing a curator for the next show.

#### **News from the Commissioners**

Commissioners are asked to spread the word on Arts and Business Luncheon and Business of the arts event. Levasseur updated the group on Five Flags presentation to the Council on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed on inviting representation to speak to Commission about involvement in all upcoming civic projects that meets goals of the Master Plan as a supporting partner.

Alleyne reported on artist Jeremy Rudd's Driftless driftwood sculpture and feedback on the project

#### **Motion to adjourn**

Motion made by Commissioner Riedel and seconded by Commissioner Siegert.

Meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm.

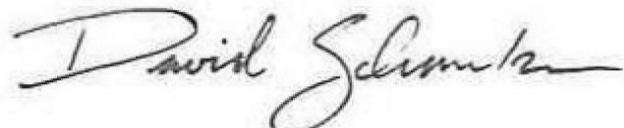
**Next meeting.** Next meeting is Dec 18 at 3:30 at Five Flags.

Respectfully submitted:

Debra Alleyne

Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on



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David Schmitz, Chair