

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

October 23, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order by David Schmitz 3:35 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Mary Armstrong, Ali Levasseur, David Schmitz, Gina Siegert, Tyler Daugherty, Paula Neuhaus

Absent: Susan Riedel,

Staff present: Maurice Jones

Motion to accept MINUTES of September 25, 2018. Motion to accept minutes with changes made by Commissioner Tyler Daugherty and seconded by Commissioner Siegert. Motion passed 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

1. Art Means Business Luncheon

Alleyne discussed luncheon will be moved to December 6th, at the Grand River Center with a whole day planned. More tables will be available for businesses. Afternoon will be a panel of college students, and evening will have a "No Starving Artist" presentation at Smokestack. Tickets will be available at Everbrite. Student Panel will be Free and finalizing evening prices based on grants. More information will be coming from Commissioner Levasseur.

2. Grant Committee Report

Tyler and Paula have not planned yet but the work plan is created and will be plugged into the annual calendar. David Schmitz summarized priorities to release grant guidelines by January instead of March to give nonprofits more time to apply. Schmitz asked Maurice for help from the new finance head to replace Jean Knockman's assistance in guidelines. Schmitz asked the grant committee to meet in November prior to the next meeting. Tyler Daugherty will send out a meeting notice including Maurice. Paula Neuhaus requested the current guidelines and comments from the City via Maurice. Discussion followed on feedback and from this year and changes for upcoming year.

Neuhaus suggested other types of grant workshops and having a blind group of nonprofit applicants to test drive.

3. Art on the River

Commissioners Siegert and Armstrong reported on artist Jeremy Rudd doing a live sculpture October 25-27th. There will be no artist talk as Stone Cliff is reserved in the afternoon.

Commissioner Siegert will send contact information from Jeremy to Maurice Jones to have City staff video this live sculpture Art on the River event.

4. Calendar

Ali Levasseur passed out updated 2018 -19 calendar of meetings, work plans, subcommittees, and events. Calendar will be put on monthly agenda and updated through Commissioner Levasseur.

5. Arts Master Plan

Commissioner Schmitz reported on Council meeting and presentation.

6. Task Force Working Groups

Commissioner Schmitz reported on task force working groups. City sent out press release this week. All Commissioners are asked to personally invite people to attend. We want to show progress and begin to fill groups. Kevin Firnstahl has applicants for open Commissioner seats for Task Force invitation. Upcoming Task Force meeting is Thursday, October 25th, at Greater Dubuque Development, 900 Jackson St #109.

7. Maurice Jones report on Central Ave. Corridor Progress

A new task force will be put together for this project and Jones hoped to include Arts & Cultural Affairs Commissioner in this development. Located on Central Ave. between 11th and 22nd streets. Two way traffic; upper story development, mixed use plan and more will be an exciting project. It sits in an opportunity zone. Plans and deliverables are being worked on that deliver.

Also briefed on South Port revitalization, especially with interest from Viking River Cruises. Signed on to a coalition with the ECIA for brown fields that may include that. Commissioner Siegert suggested Jones speak at an upcoming Task Force meeting.

News from the Commissioners

Levasseur reported on the Five Flags Task Force for funding and contributions to the community. Campaign for funding will educate community on details on expansion. Noted it does tie into the new Master Plan goals.

Update on Ice Sculpture is set for January 26th. Schmitz reported on next meeting. The DuMA is taking the lead on organizing and fundraising this event. It will be part of Arts in the Parks initiative.

Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Neuhaus and seconded by Commissioner Armstrong.. Meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm.

Next meeting. Has not be decided due to holidays.

Respectfully submitted:
Maurice S. Jones
Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on

June 10, 2019

Gina Siegent

Gina Siegent, Secretary