

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
July 23, 2013, Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marina O'Rourke at 4:45 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Katherine Kluseman, Marina O'Rourke, Julie Steffen, Jessica Teckemeyer

Commissioners absent: Sue Riedel, Gina Siegert

Staff present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Jan Stoffel

Members of the Public: Becky Perkins, Assistant Director of NISOM

Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2013. Motion made by Henkels and seconded by O'Rourke to approve minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **New Commissioners Oath of Office.** Katherine Kluseman and Jessica Teckemeyer were sworn in as members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission by Chair O'Rourke. Kluseman is employed at Great River Technology and has been an active volunteer and board member of arts organizations throughout the City. Teckemeyer is an assist professor of art at Clarke University and a working artist, having participated in 39 group and 6 solo exhibitions.
2. **Election of Officers.** The slate of nominated officers for FY14 is: Ellen Henkels, Chair; Julie Steffen, Vice Chair, and; Katherine Kluseman, Secretary. It was moved by Steffen and seconded by O'Rourke to accept the nominations. Motion carried 5-0.
3. **Arts and Humanities Month.** Becky Perkins explained the collaboration between the Northeast Iowa School of Music and Carnegie Stout Library to celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month in October with a program and reception on Friday, October 19 to be held at the library from 5-7 p.m. There will be entertainment and a national speaker, Greg Sandow. After the reception, Sandow will conduct a strategic planning session for NISOM. The reception is free and open to the public. Members of the public may attend the strategic planning session if they wish. The Commissioners discussed ways that they could support the event. It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Kluseman to assist NISOM in attending and publicizing the event. Motion carried 5-0. Staff will follow up with NISOM.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Commissioners talked about the need for a Master Arts plan. While this is a topic that has been discussed before, the opportunity to get one underway now will help in the planning for the commission and the City in the future. Henkels brought up a listed goal during the past year to research moving Continuum to a more visible spot. Steffen wondered if the River Bench or another vetted work from Art on the River could be purchased. All of these questions could be addressed if the city had a carefully developed plan that included identification of funding streams and policies. Steffen asked how the Commission could engage the broader community to raise awareness about what a master plan is and why it would be beneficial. Having a master plan would certainly fit into the Council and Commission goals of community

engagement. Commissioners agreed that this would be a starting point for our annual planning session at the August meeting. Staff will provide commissioners with examples of master arts plans and public arts programs from other communities.

INFORMATION SHARING


1. Staff reported on the aftermath of the opening of the 2013-2104 Art on the River. The exhibit was featured in the Des Moines Register for the first time. Commissioners reported hearing very positive comments about the exhibit. O'Rourke requested that sales information be made available to Commissioners so that they may identify people who might be interested in a purchase.
2. Commissions were reminded of the Board and Commissions Picnic on July 29, 6-8 p.m., at Eagle Point Park.
3. As a service to area arts organizations, staff will arrange to host an Iowa Arts Council Grant Workshop in Dubuque in advance the next IAC deadline of November 1.
4. Bell Tower Productions notified the commission of a slight change to their FY14 Special Project Grant regarding a change of show for the High School Musical project. Commissioners commended this information and encourage other groups to notify staff of changes to projects throughout the year. Commissioners also reminded grantees to publicly acknowledge City support.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Teckemeyer, seconded by O'Rourke to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lacy Boardroom of the Carnegie Stout Library.

Respectfully submitted,


Jan Stoffel, Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on _____

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Secretary