

MINUTES

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 30, 2008
Board Room, Carnegie Stout Public Library
360 W. 11th Street, Dubuque, Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Paul Kohl, Louise Kames, Sue Riedel, Geri Shafer. Paul Hemmer

Staff Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Liz Willems

Approval of Minutes of July 22, 2008

Motion by Kohl, second by Shafer to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed 6-0.

Approval of Minutes of August 26, 2008

Motion by Henkels, second by Kohl to approve minutes as corrected. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Review and approve Annual Planning/Goal Setting Report (attached)

Commission members expressed that they were very satisfied with this year's goal setting session and appreciated having a facilitator from outside the community who was very well versed in arts advocacy issues. The Commission appreciated the recommendations and perspectives Anne Katz provided.

Commission reviewed the Annual Planning/Goal Setting report and suggested some edits. There was discussion on developing talking points on how the arts impact the community. Commissioners discussed the value of utilizing local data for reporting the economic impact of the creative industries and will explore the possibility of requesting Greater Dubuque Development Corporation to undertake the study.

Riedel moved to approve the Annual Planning/Goal Setting Report and to forward the report to City Council. Second by Hemmer. Motion passed 6-0.

Sue Riedel suggested that the Commission review the report's recommendations at the next meeting and develop a specific prioritized action plan. The Commission plans to use the report as a working document. It was suggested to send Anne Katz a thank you note. Ellen Henkels agreed to do this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cultural and Entertainment District Application for Warehouse District: Approve resolution and letter of support.

Cultural and Entertainment District Application for Warehouse District was discussed and motion to approve the Resolution by Kames, second by Riedel. Motion carried 6-0. The Commission would like clarification of the role of the Arts Commission.

Motion to send to City Council a letter endorsing the Warehouse District Cultural and Entertainment District Application by Riedel, second by Shafer, Motion carried 6-0. Jerelyn O'Connor will prepare a letter for the chair's signature.

Arts and Humanities Month Activities:

Kames will accept the City Council Proclamation on Arts and Humanities Month on October 6th and will make brief comments. An article was submitted to the Julien's Journal by Louise Kames for October Arts and Humanities Month. The Arts Commission Annual Report will be submitted to the City Council in October. Commission would like current photos and excerpts from letters from recipients of some of the Operating Support funds included in the report. Other suggestions to heighten awareness of Arts and Humanities Month would be to have entertainment before the Council Meeting such as a musical performance. Sue Riedel will work on this.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

Paul Hemmer attended Arts Midwest Conference and handed out materials. Sue Riedel reminded the Commission of the play going on at Bell Tower Theater. Paul Hemmer will talk on his Radio Program about Arts around Dubuque. The production of "I Love a Piano" is now going on in Dubuque

Jerelyn O'Connor attended a Public Art Conference in Council Bluffs and presented a power point on the Art on the River program.

INFORMATION SHARING:

- City Journal (Channel 8) is airing an Art on the River Program.
- Reminder of the Dubuque Cultural Alliance Reception on October 17th
- Shared correspondence from the Dubuque Symphony Orchestra on the free community concerts "Classical Madness" made available by the Special Project Grant.
- Reminder of the Fall into Art Downtown Gallery Tour, October 3rd.

Motion by Riedel to adjourn meeting at 5:25 p.m. second by Kohl.

Respectfully submitted;

Liz Willems

These minutes were passed and approved on October 28, 2008

Ellen Henkels, Secretary