

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
September 24, 2013, Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Henkels at 4:30 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Katherine Kluseman, Sue Riedel, Marina O'Rourke, Gina Siegert (exited the meeting at 5:30 p.m.), Jessica Teckemeyer
Commissioner unable to attend: Julie Steffen
Staff present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Jan Stoffel
Members of the Public: Stacy Becker, staff reporter, the Dubuque Telegraph Herald

Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2013. A motion was made by Riedel and seconded by Siegert to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Report from Sub Committee for Council Communication.** Riedel, O'Rourke and Teckemeyer submitted a draft letter to the City Council regarding the "We are a Ripple" project and master arts planning. Suggested additions and clarifications were made by the Commissioners. A motion was made by Teckemeyer and seconded by O'Rourke to accept the revisions as discussed. Motion carried 6-0. It was decided that the letter would be signed by all members of the Commission and presented at the October 7 City Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Commission Goals and Priorities.** The 2012-2013 Priorities and Goals of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission were reviewed and discussed. Initial changes to the document were made and are attached. More conversation was tabled for next meeting.
- 2. FY 15 Budget Request.** O'Connor is starting to prepare the new budget request. Commissioners discussed the possibility of requesting funds for master planning and increasing the grant support funding. Commissioners decided to address a funding request for master art planning after direction from the City Council. It was moved by O'Rourke and seconded by Kluseman to request 10% increase to the present \$210,000 annual Operating Support budget and 10% increase to the present \$35,000 annual Special Project Support budget. Motion carried 5-0.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

- O'Rourke explained a recent donation the youth ballet of hundreds of toe shoes from a Chicago dance supply store going out of business.

2. Commissioners recounted their experience at Voices activities during the month of September and complimented the Voices team for another outstanding event.

INFORMATION SHARING

1. **Iowa Arts Council Workshop.** The City of Dubuque hosted a grant workshop focused on state funding for arts and cultural projects presented by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs on Monday, September 23. Attendance was at the capacity of 50 attendees, many of whom were under twenty-five and first-time grant writers. Presenter Veronica O'Hern stated that it was the largest crowd and the most educated audience since their travels this fall to Iowa communities.
2. **Arts and Humanities Month.** The Dubuque City Council will mark October as Arts and Humanities Month with a proclamation at the city council meeting on October 7, 2013, in the City Council Chambers of the Historical Federal Building. The acappella singing ensemble Cadenza, a chamber group of the Dubuque Chorale, will perform at 6:00 p.m. prior the 6:30 p.m. meeting. The Dubuque Chorale has been a recipient of both Special Project and Operating grant support programs from the City of Dubuque. The Northeast Iowa School of Music (NISOM) will host a celebration to commemorate the month on Friday, October 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Carnegie-Stout Public Library Rotunda. A keynote address will be given at 6 p.m. by nationally known Greg Sandow on the future of the arts.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Henkels, seconded by Riedel to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 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 October 22, 2013.



Secretary