

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
October 22, 2013,
Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Henkels at 4:33 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, Jessica Teckemeyer, and Julie Steffen (via phone).
Staff present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Jan Stoffel

Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2013. A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Siegert to approve the minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. FY13 Special Project Grant Reports.** Jan Stoffel provided a summary of the close-out reports from the FY13 Special Projects Grants. The Dubuque Symphony Orchestra reported that their free outdoor concert at the Arboretum had the largest audience of any Dubuque Arts Council concert. There was a significant savings on budgeted marketing expense so the Symphony did not spend the full grant amount. NISOM indicated that the Lollipops Program for Preschoolers at the library was generally successful although they will make some improvements for next year. A private donor has stepped up to fund the program next year. The Dubuque Chorale had a superlative program, I Have Had Singing: the Legacy of the British Isles. The program was extremely well attended and broadened the Chorale's exposure to community partners, 250 people attended the preconference. The Dubuque Museum of Art's project, Tim Olson's photography exhibit, City at Work, allowed a public exhibition of this photography project. The Historical Society's Julien Dubuque project has been completed and an opening event is scheduled for November. The Julien Dubuque sculpture will be on display initially at the River Museum. The Grand Opera House was not able to complete their project and has returned the grant funds to the City. O'Connor will send the Commission copies of the final grant reports.
- 2. Request from Dubuque Transgender to help promote the screen on Trans on November 20th National Transgender Day of Remembrance and Awareness.** Commissioners commented that this is a noteworthy, important event but discussed that it is not the Commission's role to sponsor this project. Suggestions were made to help Dubuque Transgender connect with other resources.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Commission Goals and Priorities:** Commission had extensive discussion about the goals and priorities. They discussed the Priority of "Developing a Master Arts Plan" and making it their first priority. They also discussed the need to define what a master arts plan is. Commission will continue discussion at next meeting. Kluseman shared with the Commission the results of her discussions with Molly Grover of the Chamber and Keith Rahe of the Dubuque Convention and Visitors Bureau. Rahe suggested that the Commission may want to participate in the new arts and cultural committee that the CVB is developing.
- 2. FY15 Budget Request:** O'Connor shared with the commission copies of the improvement requests that the Commission recommended at their last meeting, a 10% increase to both Operating Support and Project Grant programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Riedel and seconded by O'Rourke to adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Next meeting will be at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 5.

Respectfully submitted,


Jerelyn O'Connor

These minutes were passed and approved on


Secretary