

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 4, 2014
Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The special 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, Julie Steffen. Sue Riedel, Gina Siegert and Marina O'Rourke. Jessica Teckemeyer was unable to attend.
Staff present: Jerelyn O'Connor and Maurice Jones
Members of the public in attendance: Steve Silberman.

Approval of Minutes of December 17, 2013. A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Kluseman to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Arts Plan. O'Connor informed the Commission that the City Manager's recommended FY15 Budget includes \$50,000 funding for the Master Arts Plan. The Economic Development Budget hearing is on Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Final public hearing for approval of the budget is March 3. O'Rourke stated that she thought it was important for Commissioners to be present at the public hearing. Chair Henkels stated that she would plan to address the City Council during the public input section of the hearing on February 13.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of FY 15 Special Project and Operating Support Guidelines

O'Connor shared copies of the guidelines for the Special Projects Grant and Operating Support Program with the Commission for review and approval. Commission specifically discussed the eligibility definition for the operating support program. Motion by Steffen, second by Riedel, that eligible organizations must have been operating as a non-profit 501(c) 3 as identified in the IRS letter for a minimum of two years. Motion approved 6-0. Commission specifically requested that staff review the organization's financial statements before operating support requests are sent to the Commission for review.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Steffen noted that the Dubuque Museum of Art is collaborating with River Lights Books on a book discussion on Edward Curtis on February 27.

Kluseman shared information on the Grand's recent fundraiser. It was a celebratory anniversary show on the Beatles 50th anniversary.

INFORMATION SHARING

There was discussion on Mayor Buol's honor of receiving the 2014 Public Leadership in the Arts Award, budget hearing on Thursday, February 13, update on the 2014 Art on the River call and jury selection, the upcoming session of City Life, and that Iowa Arts Council is planning an Arts Day on June 6.

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

Steve Silberman encouraged the Commission to look at the Cities of Service grant program which is funded by the Bloomberg Foundation. It is a volunteer based program.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Henkels and second by Steffen to adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, February 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Jerelyn O'Connor
Neighborhood Development Specialist

These minutes were passed and approved on 02/25/14.

K.A. Kluseman
Secretary