

**City of Dubuque
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Date: April 1, 2014
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Lacy Board Room, Carnegie-Stout Library

CALL TO ORDER/CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 25, 2014

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Role of Art on the River Committee: Mark Wahlert, Committee Member**

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Master Arts Plan Next Steps: Maurice Jones**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. **Marketing Webinar for artists**

INFORMATION SHARING

1. **Update on FY2015 Grants**
2. **Update on 2014 Art on the River**
3. **Northeast Iowa School of Music Long Range Plan**

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

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Megan Starr, Economic Development Coordinator

Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 25, 2014
Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Henkels at 4:32 P.M. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Katherine Kluseman, Sue Riedel, Marina O'Rourke, Julie Steffen and Jessica Teckemeyer. Gina Siegert was unable to attend.

Staff Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Megan Starr and Maurice Jones

Members of the public in attendance: Louise Kames

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2014. A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Riedel to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2014 Art on the River Exhibition Selections

In December, the "Call for Sculptors" for the 2013-2014 Art on the River Exhibit was emailed to hundreds of artists, galleries and educational institutions, posted on regional and national online sources, and advertised locally. This year, there were 83 entries from 53 artists from 20 states from Arizona to New York. The 2014 Art on the River Exhibition will be installed in June 2014, with the date for the opening event scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 5-7 P.M. at the Grand River Center.

Staff presented the 10 finalists and 3 alternates chosen by the 2013-2014 Art on the River Jury:

Finalists:

- Break Away, by Beth Nybeck, Kansas City, MO
- At the Water's Edge, by Zachary Bowman, Ankeny, IA
- Fly Away Home, by Andrew Arvanetes, DeKalb, IL
- Whirllette, by Bounnak Thammavong, Swisher, IA
- In Between Sometimes by Jason Scott, Prairie DuSac, WI
- Zodiac Totem I, by Pokey Park, Tucson, AZ
- Time Warp, by Thomas Riefe, Davenport, IA
- Journey, by Zach Schnock, Cedar Falls, IA

Alternates:

- Cherry Bomb, by John Anderson-Bricker, Dubuque, IA
- Twist, by Mary Angers, Long Branch NJ
- King of Prairie Town, by Nicole Beck, Chicago, IL

The jury also made recommendations on siting the works along the Riverwalk and the Grand River Center. Since none of the submitted works are suitable for siting at site #5, the Jury recommended that the City contact artist Jeff Boshart to inquire if he is willing to keep his work there an additional year.

Motion made by Riedel, seconded by O'Rourke, to approve the recommendation of the Art on the River jury and forward to the City Council for its approval. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Status of Arts Coordinator Position: Maurice Jones

(Item was moved later in the agenda to accommodate Jones' arrival)

Jones explained that due to a city instituted hiring freeze that the Arts and Culture Coordinator position would not be filled before July 1, 2014. Economic Development Coordinator Megan Starr will act as the interim contact for arts and culture. Jones explained that the responsibilities of the arts and cultural coordinator will be shared among economic development department staff with continued support from Jerelyn O'Connor. Riedel expressed her concern that this was a step back for arts and culture and that a dedicated staff person was necessary to do the job successfully. Riedel asked if it would be possible to fund the position with an alternative funding source. Jones indicated this was not an option. Steffen requested that the minutes reflect their appreciation for City Staff fulfilling the Art and Culture coordinator role.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Master Arts Plan

Jessica spoke with council member Resnick about the need for a master plan, expressed that the commission did not have the collective expertise or capacity to develop a master plan. Steffen emphasized the need for a grassroots plan developed specifically for the Dubuque community and said she would contact Council members to emphasize the importance of a master plan.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Henkels requested that staff arrange a meeting space and send out an invitation to participate in an Americans for the Arts webinar called *Building Arts Marketing Skills for Independent Artists* on March 19th from 11-12 P.M..
2. Budget Hearing for Arts and Culture on Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 P.M.. Staff will attend and Commissioners are welcome.
3. Teckemeyer announced that Clarke University will host a reception for artists, Kayla Carlson, Margaret Scahill and Traci Bauer. Saturday, March 1, 4-6pm at Quigley Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.

INFORMATION SHARING

1. Update on FY2015 Grants

Starr reported that application for FY2015 Arts and Culture Grants are available on the City of Dubuque website. City staff will offer two grant workshops specific to the Special Project funding on Wednesday, March 19, at noon and 5 p.m., in the Lacy Board Room, 3rd Floor, Carnegie-Stout Library, 360 W. 11th St. The deadline for applications is May 12, 2014. A workshop specific to Operating Support Grants will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 12, in the Lacy Board Room. The deadline for these applications is April 10, 2014.

2. Administrative 2014 Budget Correction – Impact on travel for conferences

O'Connor explained that the city has implemented a freeze on travel due to FY2014 budget shortfalls.

3. Voices X Call for Artists

Deadline for submissions to Voices 10 is March 1, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by O'Rourke and second by Riedel to Adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Starr
Economic Development Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on _____

April 1, 2014

K.A. Cuseman

Secretary