

Minutes

**ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

January 26, 2016

Lacy board Room, Carnegie Stout Public library

**The meeting was called to order by Marina O'Rourke at 4:37 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.**

Commissioners present: Katherine Kluseman, Marina O'Rourke, Sue Riedel, Ellen Henkels, Jessica Teckemeyer and Matthew Gregory

Staff present: Debra Alleyne

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES of December 15<sup>th</sup> 2015** Henkels made a motion, second by Kluseman to receive and file the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Update on proposed grant changes to City Council**

The commission reiterated the date February 1<sup>st</sup> as the date the budget would be proposed at City council and the date in which the recommended changes to the grants would be presented. Alleyne addressed the commission's changes and indicated that she hopes to see even more changes in the future

**2. Art on the River Update**

The commission was curious to learn of the status of the Art on the River Committee as they have not been convened since preparation for Art on the River 2015. Alleyne began to recount the developments of the meeting which included getting to know more about how the committee generally communicated, met, their perceived duties and ways in which they would contribute and collaborate to make Art on the River a success. Henkels eagerly disclosed that the committee was thinking of featuring a famous and famously contended piece of sculpture in Dubuque called Continuum. Alleyne reiterated to the commission that the committee will be considerate, cautious and take the appropriate steps to acquire permission to borrow the piece. The committee intends only to display the piece for a one year residency as the feature for Art on the River.

**3. Update on Budget for Arts Programs**

Kluseman, Riedel, and O'Rourke all recommended that as many commissioners as were available should attend the Economic Development's budget presentation on February 17, at 6:30 pm to show support for the budget asks. Kluseman reminded the commission that with the changes in the City Council may affect the acceptance of the budget asks. She viewed it as an opportunity to inform the council's newest members about the commission's agenda, programs and the positive outcomes that result. Riedel stressed that we should support

and follow through with the outcomes of the master plan particularly after the investment of the Economic Development Department.

#### 4. Non-Agenda items

- Kluseman stressed that the commission must be flexible and prepared to review and amend its timeline in the months following the release of the master plan to accommodate for its implementation.
- Teckemeyer indicated that the commission was keen to see the drafts coming from the consultants and to assist where necessary.
- Newest commissioner, Gregory was curious about the Arts budget and the allotment for independent projects spearheaded by the commission. He questioned the extent to which the commission was fulfilling its charter and passionately requested that we set aside more time per session do brainstorm new and different ways to increase the reach of arts in all the communities in Dubuque. O'Rourke recommended including any such topics on the agenda for discussion in future. Kluseman reminded the commission of its function as advocates.

#### ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Kluseman invited the commission to participate in a Fly by Night event on February 1st and Riedel informed up of the upcoming premiere of the Bell Towers comedy Sex please we're 60! Henkels informed the committee about her absence for the next meeting.

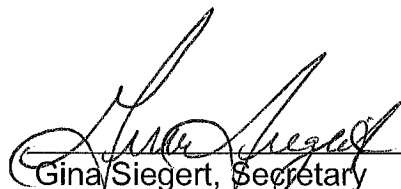
**ADJOURNMENT** – Kluseman made a motion to adjourn, second by Henkels. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted:  
Debra Alleyne  
Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on

April 26, 2016

  
Gina Siegert, Secretary