

## MINUTES

### ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 23, 2009  
Board Room, Carnegie Stout Public Library  
360 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Dubuque, Iowa

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**Meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.**

Commissioners present: Paul Hemmer, Louise Kames, Paul Kohl, Sue Riedel, Geri Shafer, Julie Steffen. Staff Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Jan Stoffel

**Approval of Minutes of May 26, 2009.** Motion by Shafer, seconded by Riedel to approve. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Oath of Office – Newly Appointed Commissioners**

Chair Kames administered the Oath of Office to Julie Steffen and Geri Shafer. The Oath will be administered to Ellen Henkels at the next meeting. All three were selected by the City Council to remain on the Commission for another three-year term, ending in June 2012.

##### **2. Election of Officers**

Geri Shafer was nominated for incoming Chair of the Commission. Motion by Kames, seconded by Riedel to approve the nomination. Motion carried 5-0 (Shafer abstained).

Paul Kohl was nominated for Vice-Chair. Motion by Shafer, seconded by Steffen to accept the nomination. Motion carried 5-0 (Kohl abstained).

Sue Riedel was nominated for Secretary. Motion by Kames, seconded by Kohl to accept the nomination. Motion carried 5-0 (Riedel abstained).

Terms will begin at the end of this meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Strategic Plan Update**

New Chair Shafer will meet with staff before next meeting to determine the next steps for strategic planning.

##### **2. Art on the River Update.**

Staff reported that plans are on schedule for the opening of the 2009-2010 Art on the River Exhibit on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm at the Grand River Center and Mississippi RiverWalk. Artists from last's year's exhibit are gradually de-installing their pieces. The new pieces will go up starting July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:**

**INFORMATION SHARING:**

**1. Americans for the Arts.**

Staff and Commissioner Shafer shared their experiences about attending the Americans for the Arts national Conference in Seattle, Washington, WA, in June. The Commission discussed ways in which information and ideas from the conference might be used to further the City arts programs.

**2. NEA Funding**

Staff is exploring possibilities of NEA funding. The closest upcoming deadline is tight given staff time limitations.

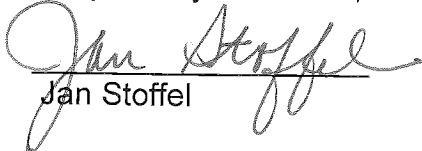
**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

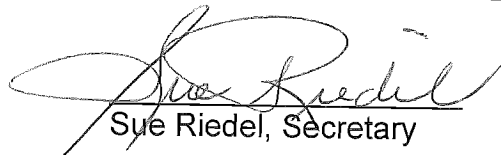
The next Commission meeting on July 28 may be cancelled if no agenda items are forthcoming. Commissioners should watch for a confirming email about the meeting. The following meeting scheduled for August 25, will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Kohl and second by Hemmer to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m.  
Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jan Stoffel

These minutes were passed and approved on August 24, 2009

  
Sue Riedel, Secretary