



ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 16, 2019

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Five Flags Center, Orpheum Room – 405 Main St, Dubuque, IA

Regular Meeting

Commissioners Present: Ali Levasseur, Nick Halder, Susan Riedel, Paula Neuhaus, Ryan Decker, Gina Siegert, Tyler Daugherty

Commissioners Excused: None

Staff Present: Jill Connors, Jennifer Petersen-Brant

The meeting was called to order by Jill Connors at 3:27 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Motion to accept minutes: Motioned to accept minutes of May 28, and June 11, 2019 was moved by Susan Riedel, seconded by Alli Levasseur.

New Business

Introduction: Jill Connors asked Commissioners for suggestions of who to introduce Jenni to in the community. Suggestions followed.

Oath of Office: Ali Levasseur, Sue Riedel, Ryan Decker, Nick Halder recited Oath of Office and accepted three-year term on the Arts & Cultural Affairs Commission.

Appointment of Officers:

Ali Levasseur nominated for Chair by Sue Reidel, second by Siegert. Motion passed unanimously.

Gina Siegert nominated for Secretary by Ali Levasseur, seconded by Paula Neuhaus. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Levasseur explained responsibilities of Vice Chair. Paula Neuhaus nominated for Vice-Chair by Sue Reidel, seconded by Tyler Daugherty. Motion passed unanimously.

Siegert asked Commissioners to support different committees within the Commission.

Commissioners volunteered for the following:

Grants Committee: Tyler Daugherty, Paula Neuhaus.

Art on the River: Gina Siegert, Ryan Decker.

Art and Business Luncheon: Ali Levasseur, Nick Halder.

Calendar Committee: Ali Levasseur, Sue Riedel.

Art on the River update: Commissioner Siegert reported on updates and events of the opening reception.

Best of Show discussion: Suggested that Art on the River and Curator select the Best of Show. Another suggestion is to have a jury using a rubric beginning next year. It was decided that the Commission to contact David Dalsing to decide Best of Show. Jill will contact David.

Payments to artists for ongoing Art of the River:

Will now be divided in thirds, one when agreement is signed and returned, second at install, third at de-install.

People's Choice: Staff intern Riccho reported that four votes have been chosen. It was discussed that Eileen will post last year's sculptures on a social media blast. Siegert will send an article with all artists and sculptures from last year.

Wifi boosters: Jill Connors mentioned City Wifi does not work in some spots along the River Walk, and she has requested that City Engineering install Wifi boosters to enable visitors to hear Otocast. During opening reception visitors will need to install Otocast outside of the Grand River Center.

Operating Grants awards sent out:

Riedel asked when they will go out, Connors will go out after legal looks over. Notices went out this week.

Report from Commissioners on upcoming events.

Many events reported

TASK Force meeting is July 25th at 8 a.m. at GDDC.

Motion to adjourn made by Gina Siegert and seconded by Sue Riedel.

Meeting adjourned 4:25 p.m.


Next meeting: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Jill M. Connors

Economic Development Director

These minutes were passed and approved on 8/27, 2019.

Witnessed By:  (signature)

Ari Levasseur (printed)

Its: Chair / president (officer position)