ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
June 25, 2013, Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marina O’Rourke at 4:40 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Marina O’Rourke, Sue Riedel, Gina Siegert, Julie Steffen
Commissioners unable to attend: Louise Kames, Paul Hemmer. Staff present: Jerelyn O’Connor, Jan Stoffel

Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2013. Motion made by Henkels and seconded by Steffen to approve minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS
1. Commissioners reviewed a proposal from the Dubuque County Historical Society to substitute a different artist for their FY13 Special Project Grant. Commissioners felt the proposal was a good solution to the challenge the Society faced in getting the project completed. Riedel moved and O’Rourke seconded to accept the amendment to the grant, but not to award $520 in travel expenses from the original grant. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Commissioners O’Rourke and Riedel were sworn in for another term.

OLD BUSINESS
1. Staff shared positive comments from the City Council when they approved the funding for the FY14 Operating and Special Projects grants.

ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION
1. Commissioners questioned the procedure for carrying over of any remaining grant budget to the FY14 budget. Both grant programs have grown considerably and the need is not being met. Perhaps a request for additional funding could be made to the Council when the Proclamation for Art and Humanities Month in October is obtained for the Council. Further discussion was tabled until the September meeting
2. Commissioners also expressed the need to do some planning on future funding of Art on the River as we approach the end of the existing funding stream in several years.

INFORMATION SHARING
1. Henkels and Stoffel shared their experiences at the American’s for the Arts Convention in Pittsburgh from June 13-16, 2013. Prominent issues that were a focus of the conference included using art as social change and building community, addressing community needs in funding, continuing to make community engagement an absolute requirement for funding, and the concept of long-term temporary public art as a solution to maintaining a long term permanent public art collection.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Riedel seconded by O’Rourke to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0. It was decided that the regularly schedule meeting of August 27 would not be held. The next meeting will be held on September 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in the Lacy Boardroom

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Stoffel, Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on July 23, 2013

Secretary