

MINUTES

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

SPECIAL SESSION

Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
Board Room, Carnegie Stout Public Library
360 W. 11th Street, Dubuque, Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Paul Kohl, Louise Kames, Sue Riedel, Paul Hemmer, Ellen Henkels, and Amy Weber

Staff Present: Jerelyn O'Connor

Approval of Minutes of April 22, 2008.

Motion by Hemmer, second by Kames to approve minutes. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

FY2009 Operating Support Funding Requests, formulate recommendation to City Council.

Commission reviewed the scores of the 12 applicant organizations and discussed possible funding scenarios. At the maximum funding levels i.e. 6% of organization's operating expenditures or \$50,000, requests total \$296,783. \$200,000 is available for distribution. Riedel stated that she would like to see each organization receive some portion of the funding. Kohl suggested that the Commission use the scores to determine funding. Since Shafer was unable to attend this meeting, O'Connor relayed Shafer's suggestion that the commission establish a minimum threshold of rating points for funding. For example, organizations scoring under 75 points are not eligible for funding. Weber suggested establishing a maximum cap of \$40,000 and funding organizations at different percentages of operating support based on their rating. Various funding scenarios were run. Consensus of the Commission was to establish a cap of \$40,000 due to the high demand for operating support funding.

Motion by Weber, second by Henkels to establish a \$40,000 cap and allocate 4.5% of operating expenditures to organizations scoring >85 point, 3% for organizations scoring 80-85 points, and 2% for organizations scoring less than 80 points and to distribute the remaining dollars to the top six scoring organizations. All approved.

Dubuque Symphony Organization

Motion by Riedel second by Kohl to allocate 4.5% of operating expenditures. All approved.

Dubuque Museum of Art

Motion by Henkels, second by Hemmer to allocate 4.5%. All approved.

Dubuque Arts Council

Motion by Riedel, second by Henkels to allocate 4.5%. Approved 5-0-1. Hemmer abstained.

Grand Opera House

Motion by Hemmer, Second by Riedel to allocate 4.5%. All approved.

Belltower Theater Productions

Motion by Hemmer and second by Kohl to allocate 4.5%. Approved 5-0-1. Riedel abstained.

Dubuque County Historical Society

Motion by Kohl second by Riedel to allocate \$40,000. Approved by Kohl, Riedel, Kames, Weber and Henkels. Opposed by Hemmer. Motion passed 5-1.

Fly-By-Night Productions

Motion by Henkels second by Hemmer to allocate 4.5%. All approved.

Colts Drug and Bugle Corps

Motion by Kohl, second by Hemmer to allocate 3%. All approved.

Dubuque County Fine Arts Society

Motion by Riedel, second by Hemmer to allocate 3%. Approved 5-0-1. Kohl abstained.

Northeast Iowa School of Music

Motion by Kames, second by Henkels to allocate 2%. All approved

Dubuque Arboretum

Motion by Kohl, second by Riedel to allocate 2%. Approved by Kohl, Riedel, Hemmer, and Weber. Opposed by Kames and Henkels. Motion passes 4-2.

Four Mounds Foundation

Motion by Kames, second by Kohl to allocate 2%. Approved 5-0-1. Weber abstained.

Commission again discussed need to prepare a case statement to use in requesting an increase in the amount of operating support funding.

NEW BUSINESS:

Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Position: O'Connor stated that she has met with the Personnel Director and City Manager regarding the position and staff is working on a request for proposals for a consultant to provide these services. O'Connor asked commission for any input for services to be included in the RFP.

Develop Policy Recommendation for Accepting Art Donations: In an effort to improve Art on the River, O'Connor discussed developing a policy for accepting art donations as well as creating a fund for City purchase of works of sculpture. There is \$13,000 available from savings from year 1 and 2 of Art on the River that could be utilized to create a fund for sculpture purchase. There was favorable response from the commission. Motion by Weber, second by Kohl to approve recommending that a fund be created to purchase works of sculpture and to develop a policy for accepting art donations. All approved. Louise Kames and Ellen Henkels volunteered to be on a subcommittee to work on the policy. Henkels noted that the policy should include procedures for moving works of art as well as the initial placement of art.

Information Sharing

Cultural Trust Workshop: O'Connor will provide commissioners copies of the handouts from this workshop sponsored by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

175th Anniversary Committee: Amy Weber provided an update to the Commission on the upcoming activities to celebrate the 175th Anniversary. Kickoff is the weekend of May 30-June 1.

Motion to adjourn by Hemmer, second by Kohl. All approved. Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 27, 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerelyn O'Connor

These minutes passed and approved on May 27, 2008.

Paul Kohl, Secretary

City Clerk _____
City Council: _____
City Manager: _____
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