City of Dubuque
PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING

ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Date: April 1, 2014
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Lacy Board Room, Carnegie-Stout Library

CALL TO ORDER/CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of February 25, 2014

NEW BUSINESS
   1. Role of Art on the River Committee: Mark Wahlert, Committee Member

OLD BUSINESS
   1. Master Arts Plan Next Steps: Maurice Jones

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION
   1. Marketing Webinar for artists

INFORMATION SHARING
   1. Update on FY2015 Grants
   2. Update on 2014 Art on the River
   3. Northeast Iowa School of Music Long Range Plan

ITEMS FROM PUBLIC

ADJOURNMENT

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Megan Starr, Economic Development Coordinator
Minutes
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS ADVISORY COMMISSION
February 25, 2014
Lacy Boardroom, Carnegie-Stout Library

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Henkels at 4:32 P.M. following staff assurance of compliance with the Iowa Open Meeting Law.

Commissioners present: Ellen Henkels, Katherine Kluseman, Sue Riedel, Marina O'Rourke, Julie Steffen and Jessica Teckemeyer. Gina Siegert was unable to attend.
Staff Present: Jerelyn O'Connor, Megan Starr and Maurice Jones
Members of the public in attendance: Louise Kames

Approval of Minutes of February 4, 2014. A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Riedel to approve the minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of 2014 Art on the River Exhibition Selections
   In December, the "Call for Sculptors" for the 2013-2014 Art on the River Exhibit was emailed to hundreds of artists, galleries and educational institutions, posted on regional and national online sources, and advertised locally. This year, there were 83 entries from 53 artists from 20 states from Arizona to New York. The 2014 Art on the River Exhibition will be installed in June 2014, with the date for the opening event scheduled for Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 5-7 P.M. at the Grand River Center.

   Staff presented the 10 finalists and 3 alternates chosen by the 2013-2014 Art on the River Jury:

Finalists:
- Break Away, by Beth Nybeck, Kansas City, MO
- At the Water's Edge, by Zachary Bowman, Ankeny, IA
- Fly Away Home, by Andrew Arvanetes, DeKalb, IL
- Whirlette, by Bounnakh Thammavong, Swisher, IA
- In Between Sometimes by Jason Scott, Prairie DuSack, WI
- Zodiac Totem I, by Pokey Park, Tucson, AZ
- Time Warp, by Thomas Riefe, Davenport, IA
- Journey, by Zach Schnick, Cedar Falls, IA

Alternates:
- Cherry Bomb, by John Anderson-Bricker, Dubuque, IA
- Twist, by Mary Angers, Long Branch NJ
- King of Prairie Town, by Nicole Beck, Chicago, IL

   The jury also made recommendations on siting the works along the Riverwalk and the Grand River Center. Since none of the submitted works are suitable for siting at site #5, the Jury recommended that the City contact artist Jeff Boshart to inquire if he is willing to keep his work there an additional year.

   Motion made by Riedel, seconded by O'Rourke, to approve the recommendation of the Art on the River jury and forward to the City Council for its approval. Motion carried 6-0.
2. Status of Arts Coordinator Position: Maurice Jones
   (Item was moved later in the agenda to accommodate Jones' arrival)
   Jones explained that due to a city instituted hiring freeze that the Arts and Culture
   Coordinator position would not be filled before July 1, 2014. Economic Development
   Coordinator Megan Starr will act as the interim contact for arts and culture. Jones
   explained that the responsibilities of the arts and cultural coordinator will be shared
   among economic development department staff with continued support from Jerelyn
   O'Connor. Riedel expressed her concern that this was a step back for arts and culture
   and that a dedicated staff person was necessary to do the job successfully. Riedel asked
   if it would be possible to fund the position with an alternative funding source. Jones
   indicated this was not an option. Steffen requested that the minutes reflect their
   appreciation for City Staff fulfilling the Art and Culture coordinator role.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Master Arts Plan
   Jessica spoke with council member Resnick about the need for a master plan,
   expressed that the commission did not have the collective expertise or capacity to
   develop a master plan. Steffen emphasized the need for a grassroots plan
   developed specifically for the Dubuque community and said she would contact
   Council members to emphasize the importance of a master plan.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Henkels requested that staff arrange a meeting space and send out an invitation
   to participate in an Americans for the Arts webinar called Building Arts Marketing
   Skills for Independent Artists on March 19th from 11-12 P.M.
2. Budget Hearing for Arts and Culture on Wednesday, March 5, 6:30 P.M. Staff
   will attend and Commissioners are welcome.
3. Teckemeyer announced that Clarke University will host a reception for artists,
   Kayla Carlson, Margaret Scahill and Traci Bauer. Saturday, March 1, 4-6pm at
   Quigley Gallery. The event is free and open to the public.

INFORMATION SHARING

1. Update on FY2015 Grants
   Starr reported that application for FY2015 Arts and Culture Grants are available
   on the City of Dubuque website. City staff will offer two grant workshops specific
   to the Special Project funding on Wednesday, March 19, at noon and 5 p.m., in
   the Lacy Board Room, 3rd Floor, Carnegie-Stout Library, 360 W. 11th St. The
   deadline for applications is May 12, 2014. A workshop specific to Operating
   Support Grants will be held at noon on Wednesday, March 12, in the Lacy Board
   Room. The deadline for these applications is April 10, 2014.

2. Administrative 2014 Budget Correction – Impact on travel for conferences
   O'Connor explained that the city has implemented a freeze on travel due to
   FY2014 budget shortfalls.

3. Voices X Call for Artists
   Deadline for submissions to Voices 10 is March 1, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by O’Rourke and second by Riedel to Adjourn. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Starr
Economic Development Coordinator

These minutes were passed and approved on April 1, 2014

K.A. Cleweman
Secretary