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Draft Arts and Culture Master Plan Prepared

DUBUQUE, Iowa – A draft of Dubuque’s first arts and culture master plan will be presented to the Dubuque City Council as part of their regular meeting on Monday, July 18.

The draft plan will be presented at the council meeting by the project consultant, Lord Cultural Resources. The draft plan will also be sent to members of Dubuque’s Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission for final review. Final recommendations from the advisory commission will be sent to the consultant for inclusion in the final version of the plan, which is scheduled to be submitted to the City Council for acceptance before the end of calendar year 2016.

The City of Dubuque embarked on the creation of an arts and cultural master plan in April 2015. The City’s Economic Development Department and the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs, in conjunction with consultants from Lord Cultural Resources, facilitated a visioning session with key members of the arts community to identify high-priority needs. Subsequently, Phase 1 (State of Arts and Culture Report) and Phase 2 (Public Engagement Report) of the master planning process were enacted through online surveys, site visits, and workshops with numerous community groups, arts organizations, businesses, individuals and City departments. This comprehensive research was to ensure that the largest cross-section of the community would be represented in the data so that the master plan would be tailored for Dubuque.

For additional information, visit www.cityofdubuque.org/artsandculture or contact City of Dubuque Arts and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Debra Alleyne at 563-690-6059 or dalleyne@cityofdubuque.org.

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