

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022 | 12:00PM

The Altoona Arts and Culture Commission met on Monday, February 7 2022 at noon at City Hall. Members present were Sarah Kavalier, Chris Lynn, Jackie Teeple, Mike Lambert, Joshua Brown, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, and Beth Van Ryswyk. | Missing was: Alex Payne

Quorum was declared and Beth Van Ryswyk called the meeting to order. Chris made the motion to approve and Sarah seconded. All ayes. A motion was made to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion of funding was led by Councilwoman Burns-Thompson. There is a budget set in place for potential use for Arts and Culture. We will also apply for grants (such as BRAVO) for funding and all projects will go through this commission and any spending decisions will move forward to City Council for a vote.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chris Lynn volunteered for Chair and Sarah Kavalier volunteered for vice-chairing. Motion to approve by Joshua. Mike seconded. All Ayes.

Discussion held over DART art project.

Sarah and Chris discussed the importance to them of using local artists if possible. The Commission narrowed the artists down to: Maddy Fusco and Bob Kling. Maddy is from Des Moines. Chris mentioned how active she is from art shows and the community. Bob Kling is from Indianola. Motion to move forward with these two by Sarah and the additional artist from Mike's recommendation. Chris seconded. All ayes. Beth Van Ryswyk will look into whether or not we're able to bring in an additional artist to the roster and move forward with commissioning these artists.

Spaghetti Session: Mike kicked this off with his ideas. Lighting the standpipe near Adventureland. He will be sending images and information to the Commission. He reported on a project they just finished up in dog town provided by Wells Fargo. He is looking into Hope USA funding for certain projects. Joshua brought up a few of the ideas from the Arts Committee. This would be a mural in Olde Town and portable stage for pop up art events like music or performances. Sarah suggested using the bike trail for more art. Chris talked about the projects already started: Woven Lines and Cups on the Bridge. Jackie agreed with the bike trail idea-possibly lighting it up. Chris thought maybe there could be interactive stops. Elizabeth talked about Alex's idea to celebrate our Corn anniversary by having businesses participate by decorating a piece of corn to celebrate our rural history. Beth mentioned: Chalk night – longest hopscotch (EBT's suggestion). Murals possibly silo at Terrace or a piece elsewhere for people to want to visit. One other discussion is a signature piece for City Hall. Sarah reminded Commission to focus on arts and culture events as well.

Visitors: none.

Council Update: Looking for additional member. Project updates: Roundabout with Woven Lines. We may bring in outside sources to provide updates (ex: BRAVO)

Sarah made a motion to adjourn at 1:00PM and Chris Seconded. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Our next meeting will be on March 7, 2022 at City Hall.