

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 2, 2022 | 12:00PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order at 12:10pm. Members present were Chris Lynn, Jackie Teeple, Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Beth Van Ryswyk, Emily Linacre, and Mike Lambert. Members absent were Joshua Brown, Sarah Kavalier, and Alex Payne.

Without a quorum, approval of March and April minutes was moved to next month's agenda.

There was no public comment.

QR CODES DISCUSSION:

- Project: create and post QR codes on art pieces around town; link to short video or blurb about the piece, collaborating with staff and citizens as needed
 - Where to house content: Visit Altoona, City of Altoona website, Altoona Now?
 - Beth suggested eliminating Altoona Now as that's focused on economic development. Elizabeth proposed starting on Visit Altoona and moving to City site as it gets developed.
 - Potential partnerships:
 - MACLYN—technical aspects, content creation
 - Meta—financial assistance
 - 3 pieces chosen to pilot project: "Where the Wild Things Are" mural, WWII plane, praying mantis sculpture
 - Beth and Emily will research structures needed for each plaque, costs, etc.
 - Contacts for content creation needed: Mayor for WTWTA mural (Beth); American Legion for WWII plane (Beth); Master Gardeners for the praying mantis sculpture (Elizabeth, Beth).

CORN ANNIVERSARY:

- Project: oversize sculptures of ears of corn to be purchased/sponsored by local businesses, painted, and displayed around town to celebrate the anniversary of hybrid seed corn
 - Chris had connected with Alex and will follow up with him for project info
 - Elizabeth suggested reaching out to other cities who've done this for their tips and advice.

ROTATING ART DISPLAY AT CITY HALL:

- Project: install rail kits, cords, and brackets to create a modifiable gallery space for quarterly display of changing artwork
 - Proposal from Molly Johnson includes list of supplies needed, plan for submissions, artist receptions, etc.
 - Concerns were raised regarding how an artist gets picked (or not picked), requirements/restrictions, and keeping the submission process as simple as possible to

encourage max entries

- Next steps: meet with appropriate City staff (Scott Atzen?), clarify space and get go-ahead, confirm supplies needed and get cost estimate to take to Council

DART ART SUBMISSION:

- Previewed artist Bob Kling's proposal submissions
- 2nd artist's submission due 6/2

COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES:

- Elizabeth met with new City Administrator John Harrenstein to discuss direction of Arts and Culture Commission

Meeting adjourned at 12:56pm.

Next meeting will be at 12pm on June 6, 2022, at City Hall.