

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 6, 2022 | 12:00PM | City Hall Council Chambers

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

Alex agreed to lead the meeting as Chris had no voice.

Quorum was declared. Sarah motioned to approve the minutes from March, April, and May; Jackie seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

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
  - Beth is working on videos; has made contact with individuals and groups to assist with each
    - Veteran's Day 11/11/23 deadline for veteran memorial jet display video
    - Alex has video of the jet's delivery from KCCI; will share with Beth
    - Enabling Gardens video exists; will add praying mantis footage specifically
  - Emily shared some QR code engraving options; Jackie, Alex, and Elizabeth preferred the clean, simple look so not taking away from artwork itself

#### CORN ANNIVERSARY:

- Project: oversize sculptures of ears of corn to be purchased/sponsored by local businesses, painted, and displayed around town to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first harvested hybrid seed corn
  - Alex shared project info
    - May 2023 goal: 6 ft fiberglass sculptures of cartoonish ears of corn
    - Vinton, IA: \$6k/sculpture; community members painted; struggle to get all painted
    - Ames, IA: had sponsorship levels; gave \$500 stipends to artists
    - Le Mars, IA: had not responded as of meeting
    - Potential partner: Ted's Auto to clearcoat?
    - \$75k-100k estimated total for project, depending on number of sculptures
  - Further discussion:
    - Elizabeth asked: who buys the sculptures, who decorates them, who keeps them after the display
    - Beth asked: where they'll be placed, if sponsors or commission choose locations
    - Sarah suggested connecting with Dupont Pioneer/other seed corn companies re: sponsorship; Elizabeth will reach out
  - More research to be shared via email and at next meeting

#### 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
  - Hesitant to move forward with due to permanent damage to walls
  - Chris will get some of the hardware to show city staff/council and discuss further
  - Mike recommended GripLock, a California company providing a similar look and feel
  - Beth suggested potentially move rotating display project to another location (library?); brainstorm other artwork to fill need at City Hall

#### DART ART SUBMISSION:

- Artist Bob Kling's proposal submissions received; Beth reported that 2nd artist was unable to submit anything due to personal circumstances
- Beth to share other artists' work via email; commission to respond

#### COUNCIL/STAFF UPDATES:

- Elizabeth had a request from Altoona Living to do a feature on the Arts Commission; Chris Lynn to connect
- Woven Lines sculpture to be installed end of July; Beth to work on time lapse video of install to share

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm. Motion by Sarah, second by Mike. All ayes; motion carried.

Next meeting will be at 12pm on July 11, 2022, at City Hall.