

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 11, 2022 | 12:00PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 12:04pm. Members present were Alex Payne, Sarah Kavalier, Mike Lambert, Chris Lynn, Beth Van Ryswyk, and Emily Linacre, with Elizabeth Burns-Thompson attending virtually via Zoom; Jackie Teeple and Joshua Brown were absent.

Quorum was declared. Sarah motioned to approve the June meeting minutes, Alex seconded; all ayes, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OVERVIEW:

- Altoona's Community Development Director John Shaw presented the latest [Land Use Map](#). Essentially a blueprint for community growth, this map provides a 30-year outlook of the city and includes plans for neighborhoods and streets, commercial and industrial areas, trails, etc.
 - Areas with most anticipated growth are the northwest and east/southeast
 - Areas of potential interest/opportunity for public art:
 - neighborhood entry points
 - roundabouts
 - trailheads and crossings
 - streetscaping
 - bridge or tunnel across 8th St near Sam Wise/new school
 - new east side interchange
 - Discussed "character" of main streets, neighborhoods
 - "string of pearls"--desire to maintain/give identity to each section, perhaps with signage or sculpture
 - Community Development department will continue to share applicable plans and information with the Commission

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- QR CODES:
 - Beth is coordinating video clips; signs to be ordered once ready
- CORN ANNIVERSARY:
 - Sarah and Alex presented a projected timeline, costs, details on sponsorship levels, and potential sculpture locations
 - Sarah will finalize budget details; Elizabeth will connect with Council re: formal approval and money
- ROTATING ART DISPLAY:
 - Chris has examples of the proposed brackets for city staff to check out
- DART ART:
 - Discussed additional "reserve" artists/artwork

- Motion by Sarah to move forward with artist Bob Kling, second by Mike; all ayes, motion carried
- Beth to notify artist

NEW BUSINESS:

- MURAL CONTEST:
 - Despite Sarah's excellent video, we did not get the 1k votes needed
- ARTS & CULTURE LANDING PAGE:
 - Emily will email proposed image to Commission members

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES

- WOVEN LINES:
 - Beth announced installation of sculpture to take place 7/18-7/28
 - Working with artist to highlight install process
 - Ribbon cutting:
 - Elizabeth suggested a Thursday in early August, to capitalize on attendance at Old Town Farmers Market
 - Chris to reach out to Chamber/Melissa Horton
 - Alex to coordinate with Old Town
- FREEDOM ROCK:
 - Alex announced placement of 100th and final Freedom Rock at Adventureland
 - Tentatively planning 9/11 or Veteran's Day Dedication
 - Commission to potentially partner for event

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm: Motion by Sarah, second by Alex; all ayes, motion carried
- Next meeting will be at 12pm on AUGUST 1, 2022, at City Hall.