

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, August 1, 2022 | 12:00PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 12:05pm. Members present were Alex Payne, Sarah Kavalier, Mike Lambert, Chris Lynn, and Emily Linacre, with Elizabeth Burns-Thompson attending virtually via Zoom; Jackie Teeple, Joshua Brown, and Beth Van Ryswyk were absent. City Planner Marina Smart was also in attendance.

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

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- CORN ANNIVERSARY
 - Sculpture prototype has been ordered and check has been sent
 - Next steps:
 - Beth will work on sponsorship letter with committee members, and run it by Bob Laden (attorney) and Randy Pierce (interim City Administrator/ Finance Officer) to confirm appropriate verbiage
 - Continue brainstorming potential sponsors–Sarah, Elizabeth
 - Set up meeting with commission members and city representatives to discuss structure of sponsorships, budget, and marketing–Beth, Elizabeth, Sarah?
 - Concrete pads for sculptures–Mike checking into options
- WOVEN LINES RIBBON CUTTING
 - Great attendance at ribbon cutting
 - [Sarah's video of the artist speaking](#) (not sure that link actually works)
 - Mike helping finalize lighting details
 - 1st Street roundabout is now open!
- DART ART
 - Commission discussed Kling's proposed designs; agreed none really captured our community
 - Alex motioned to reach out to artist requesting something more specifically "Altoona," Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion carried
 - All commission members to [gather photos/ideas/inspiration](#); Beth to contact Kling with request
- ARTS & CULTURE LANDING PAGE
 - Sarah motioned to approve design of landing page, Mike seconded; all ayes, motion carried
- QR CODES
 - Beth working with MACLYN/Visit Altoona
 - Jet: Beth gathering quotes from American Legion; Alex to share video footage with Beth/MACLYN

- Where the Wild Things Are Mural: Piecing together video with artist and mayor
- Praying Mantis: Mike to connect with artist for info, quotes
- Woven Lines: Gather footage now for use later? Possible sources: We Are Iowa, DM Register/Chris Higgins, Sarah Kavalier, Brent Isenberger, Little Village
- ROTATING ART DISPLAY
 - Chris shared that sample brackets and clips have been purchased
 - Beth—coordinate meeting with Scott Atzen, maintenance, to discuss

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business to discuss.

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES

- Marina shared Planning Department staff meeting thoughts on prime focal points for public art potential
 - Olde Town
 - Street lighting
 - Mural(s):
 - Work with high school students to create iconic mural(s) ([Ankeny recently completed similar project](#)) (suggested by Marina)
 - Street artists/graffiti art (suggested by Mike)
 - Civic Plaza—Phase II and beyond
 - Plans include stage/amphitheater, sculpture garden
 - Commission requests John Shaw/Planning Department present plan details at future meeting—Beth to arrange?
 - Once infrastructure exists, will open up even more grant opportunities for events and installations
 - 8th Street corridor—distinguishing between different sections
 - Trails—how to mark; direct people to entry points; along trails
 - Townsend property?

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm: motion by Alex, second by Sarah; all ayes, motion carried
- Next meeting will be at 12pm on SEPTEMBER 12, 2022, at City Hall