

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022 | 12:00PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 12:02pm. Members present were Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Sarah Kavalier, Mike Lambert, Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn, Alex Payne, and Beth Van Ryswyk; Jackie Teeple was absent. Community Development Director John Shaw and City Planner Natalie Jacobsen were also in attendance.

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

There was no public comment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ROTATING ART DISPLAY
 - Elizabeth connected with Kim Kietzman, Library Director, who expressed interest in potentially housing the display
 - Chris to work with Beth and Emily to set up meeting with Kim for further discussion of details
- DART ART
 - Awaiting reply with new concept(s) from artist Bob Kling
- VISIT ALTOONA/MASTERPIECES OF ALTOONA/QR CODES
 - Emily getting quotes from Watts Vault and Monument and Beeline and Blue
 - To purchase one plaque at a time should be around \$35
 - Meta willing to cover cost, but so minimal, may not be worth it
 - Once several plaques have been mounted, Sarah suggested contacting preschools, SEP schools, etc., re: walking art field trips; Beth suggested SEP's Virtual Backpack newsletter
 - Elizabeth shared that according to MACLYN's stats the Masterpieces campaign is ranking toward the top of City's social media
- CORNIVAL
 - Sponsorship letter finalized
 - Beth to review with City Admin & attorney
 - Then, Elizabeth to take to Pioneer, etc., re: presenting sponsor opportunities
 - Sarah working with Outlets of DM
 - Potential space for artists to paint sculptures so public can see progress, generate interest, increase reach
 - Potential sponsor location
 - Awaiting prototype status; Sarah will update
 - Concrete pads for sculptures—Mike checking into options
 - Budget: Sarah and Chris to crunch numbers, determine amount to request of City Council

- Additional CORNival activities: Commission to brainstorm connections in other organizations (Scouts, library, Altoona Palooza, Chamber, etc.) to be primary planners of related events

NEW BUSINESS:

- BRAVO GRANT
 - Not eligible for fall operational grant program
 - February 2023 can apply for public art/capital project grant—for CORNival?
- PLANNING DEPARTMENT UPDATE
 - John Shaw shared some history of and further plans for Civic Plaza
 - Amphitheater, restrooms—still intended; would provide prime location for future Arts & Culture functions
 - Not a fast process; approval involves council goal-setting session, project prioritization, budget creation—then can get bumped by more critical needs, repairs, etc.
 - Commission to submit resolution of support to City Council re: Civic Plaza improvements
- OPEN POSITIONS
 - 2 positions: Joshua Brown resigned; one originally left unfilled
 - Elizabeth to check with Mayor about filling both open positions in 2023

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

No further updates.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 1:04pm
- Next meeting will be at 12pm on NOVEMBER 7, 2022, at City Hall