

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2022 | 12PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 12:10pm. Members present were Sarah Kavalier, Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn, and Beth Van Ryswyk; Elizabeth Burns-Thompson and Mike Lambert attended via Zoom; Alex Payne and Jackie Teeple were absent. Community Development Director John Shaw, City Planners Natalie Jacobson and Marina Smart, and guests Melissa Horton and Kelsey Redmond of the Altoona Chamber were also in attendance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT/VISITORS:

- MELISSA HORTON/ALTOONA CHAMBER
 - Shared Iowa Downtown Resource Center 2020 Assessment results
 - Working with Planning Department on strategic plan for Olde Town revitalization, including:
 - 2nd Street SE—gray building to be torn down, providing brick wall space for “destination” mural and potential to link trail & north parking to Olde Town
 - Old water tower—decommissioning tower and treatment plant; converting to mini civic plaza with green space, splash pad, lighting/art features
 - Old canning factory—rehabbing building to house restaurant or brewery
 - These and other projects will provide opportunities for Arts Commission to partner with Chamber to preserve and grow the area while creating/enhancing Olde Town identity

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- DART ART
 - Commission needs to vote whether to request \$6,000 from City to extend the shelter artwork to the side panels
 - No quorum; Emily will contact commission to vote by email
- CORNIVAL
 - Sculpture mock-up complete; waiting to hear from company re: delivery, sculpture production
 - Elizabeth has contacted Corteva & Iowa Corn Growers Association regarding sponsorship opportunities
 - Awaiting response before approaching other potential sponsors

NEW BUSINESS:

- PLANNING DEPT—TOWNSEND CENTER PROJECT

- Townsend family home was donated to the City; is undergoing renovations to serve as community events center with seating for 100+, and senior meals facility
- 50 acres including house and lake
- Mown path around lake currently; opportunity to pave and connect with trail system
- Arts opportunities:
 - Sculpture garden on grounds/around trail
 - Lots of wall space inside
 - Built-in shelving, nooks for art pieces to be displayed

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

- Vote by email regarding DART Art

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm
- Next meeting will be at 12pm on January 9, 2023, @ Townsend Center