

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 2023 | 6:30PM | City Hall Council Chambers

The meeting was called to order by Sarah at 6:31pm.

Members & staff present: Natalie Jacobson, Sarah Kavalier, Mike Lambert, Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn (Zoom), Beverly Sells, Calan Smidt, John Shaw, Rachel Simon

Other/public: none

Absent: Alex Payne\*, Chad Taylor

\*Zoom issues

Quorum was declared. Mike motioned to approve October minutes, Beverly seconded; all ayes, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

#### UPDATES:

##### CORN SCULPTURE LOCATIONS:

- Winter homes for statues
  - Rachel presented proposed winter locations as determined with Parks
    - Library, Honda, City Hall, Intrinsic, Fire Department, Campus, Terrace Hills, Haines Park, Townsend Center
    - To be placed week of 11/13

##### OLDE TOWN MURAL:

- Bravo grant for \$23k received in June 2023; midterm update required in January 2024
- Ready to begin putting together Call to Artists packet
- Mural parameters:
  - Run from parking near train tracks across street through Segue space, onto wall
  - Potentially entire wall, or split into 2 projects
  - Must include a historic/informative twist
  - Prefer local Des Moines Metro area artist
- Committee to steer project:
  - Mike, Beverly to head
  - Alex may be interested, since connected with Olde Town/Historical Society?
  - Eric Borseth, owner of building
  - Olde Town Revitalization member(s)
  - Historical Society member(s)
  - Other potential partners include Officer Tufts (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), MainFrame Studios
  - Emily to share Call To Artist folder; Natalie to share grant info & requirements
  - Mike to set up meeting with partners regarding parameters
  - Mike, Beverly, Chris to go over Call To Artist material

#### QR CODE PLAQUES:

- Plaques have been affixed to corn sculptures
- Confirmed plaques for previously chosen Masterpieces of Altoona have been posted
  - Rachel to connect with MACLYN re: next Masterpieces (Leap Into Learning–frog sculpture at library)

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### DOWNTOWN ASSESSMENT:

- Discussed “The Segue” plan connecting parking to 2nd St/Olde Town
  - Commission to ponder how to incorporate arts & culture into Olde Town area
  - John shared that the City will decommission that water plant in 5-10 years
    - City-owned property to become available for potential use
    - Desire to make Olde Town a destination—for residents, trail users, visitors, etc.

##### NEXT PROJECTS:

- Call To Artist for mural
- Mike to get quote on Haines Park stage covering
- Emily to start new Spaghetti Session list–editable by commission members
- Rachel shared that Haines Park fountains are on their last legs–ideas for non-water features to replace them may be possible upcoming project for commission

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

- City website only lists names of A&C members–what are terms?
  - Rachel to update site
  - Rachel to look into group email address for A&C Commission

#### COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

- Note: Rachel is officially the City staff point person for A&C

#### AGENDA ITEMS for next meeting:

- Next projects: everyone come with prioritized list

#### ADJOURNMENT:

- Calan motioned to adjourn, Mike seconded; all ayes, motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm
- Next meeting will be at 6:30pm on December 11, 2023, @ City Hall Council Chambers