

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2023 | 12PM | Townsend Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 12:08pm. Members present were Sarah Kavalier, Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn, Alex Payne, and Beth Van Ryswyk; Elizabeth Burns-Thompson and Chad Zimmerman attended via Zoom; Sarah Holder, Mike Lambert, and Jackie Teeple were absent. Community Development Director John Shaw and City Planner Natalie Jacobson were also in attendance.

November and December minutes were approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ROTATING ART DISPLAY
  - Waiting on quote from Molly to take to library board
  - Chris to check in
- QR CODES
  - 3rd Masterpiece (the praying mantis sculpture) premiered on Visit Altoona
  - Beth & Emily to work with Beeline + Blue to get plaques ordered
- CORNIVAL
  - Presenting sponsors: Elizabeth hasn't heard back from Corteva or Iowa Corn Growers Association; will try to reconnect
  - Sarah, Chris, and Chad to meet re: communication to potential sponsors
    - Email blast via Chamber
    - Physical letters in mail
  - Sculpture update: mockup exists; Sarah K to contact for update and outline for artists packet
  - Concerns raised re: time crunch
    - Scale down extra events
    - Sarah K asked about a proposal to City Council requesting financial support to hire a PT person or consultant to take over Carnival; Beth to reach out to Teva at Group Creative

NEW BUSINESS:

- POLK COUNTY GRANT APPLICATION
  - Open now; up to 10K
  - Beth and Emily to write application for x number of sculptures (however many 10K will get us)
- BRAVO GRANT APPLICATION/IDEAS
  - Opens in February; for project later in the year
  - Ideas include: Olde Town mural, Townsend Center (entrance point, artwork throughout), Carousel at Townsend (refinish, enclose?)
- NEW MEMBERS

- Welcome Chad Taylor Zimmerman (attending) and Sarah Holder (apologetically absent)

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

- Nothing additional to report

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm
- Next meeting will be at 12pm on February 6th, 2023, @ City Hall Council Chambers