

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, January 8, 2024 | 5:00PM | Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chris at 4:59pm.

Members & staff present: Sarah Kavalier, Mike Lambert, Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn, Alex Payne, Beverly Sells, John Shaw, Rachel Simon, Chad Taylor
Other/public: None
Absent: Calan Smidt

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

There was no public comment.

UPDATES:

OLDE TOWN MURAL:

- Call To Artists: Beverly has incorporated feedback from Olde Town Task Force. The document will be run by the City Attorney and presented to City Council at the 1/15 meeting (Beverly and/or Mike to attend). Once approved, Rachel will send email blasts to Arts contacts, post on city website and social media, etc.
- Artist's Agreement/Contract is in process. Question of insurance needed by artist and/or City was raised. Rachel to look for contract with City Hall/Police Station's muralist for details. Sarah also suggested reaching out to Molly Johnson with questions.
- John shared the work is progressing on the Segue. Staff from Engineering Department are working with landscape architects to scale designs and turn into biddable documents to be contracted out in the spring.

TRAFFIC CABINET WRAPS:

- Calan is in touch with MidAmerican to move forward on this project. The grant discussed last month is no longer available, but she is working with them to find other opportunities to help cover costs of wraps.

ROTATING ART DISPLAY:

- Chris will set up a meeting with Kim Kietzman, Library Director, and Molly Johnson, to revive this project.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSION PRESIDENT VOTE:

- Sarah nominated Chris for president, Chad seconded; all ayes. Congratulations to Chris on another year leading the Commission!

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Chris and Emily are working on a spreadsheet version of the Spaghetti Session ideas. Commission discussed possible ways to categorize projects—by size, cost, length of time required. Sheet will be shared with Commission members to be reviewed prior to next meeting in order to discuss project prioritization.

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

- Rachel reported that an offer to serve on the Commission has been extended to City Council representatives.
- Rachel also noted that the City website has been updated to include Commissioner names and term ends.

AGENDA ITEMS for next meeting:

- Project updates
- Prioritization of Spaghetti Session projects

ADJOURNMENT:

- Mike motioned to adjourn, Sarah seconded; all ayes, motion carried.
- Next meeting will be at 6:30pm on February 12, 2024, @ City Hall Council Chambers