

Altoona Arts and Culture Commission
Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2023 | 6:30PM | Lower Level Training Room

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

Members & staff present: Sarah Kavalier (via Zoom), Emily Linacre, Chris Lynn, Alex Payne, Beverly Sells, Calan Smidt, John Shaw, Rachel Simon, Chad Taylor
Other/public: Jacob Slings, City of Altoona Right-Of-Way Coordinator
Absent: Mike Lambert

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

There was no public comment.

CITY STAFF PRESENTATION:

TRAFFIC CABINET WRAPS:

- Jacob Slings, City of Altoona Right-Of-Way Coordinator, presented a future project opportunity to the Commission: art wraps for MidAmerican transformers and city traffic cabinets
- Boxes are located at all intersections with stoplights, throughout Altoona
- Currently unadorned, providing blank canvas for art—and target for graffiti
- Vinyl wraps last 7-10 years and are washable (graffiti is easily removed); cost is about \$800-1200/box, with a MidAmerican grant possible
 - Potential wraps include historical photos, art that blends with environment, artwork created by local artists, etc.
- Painted boxes with treated finish last around 3 years
- Relatively low-cost, highly visible, quick project, with ability to expand
- Commission members unanimously liked the idea; Calan to spearhead project and look into grant and wrap options

UPDATES:

CORN SCULPTURE LOCATIONS:

- Statues have been placed for winter; Visit Altoona map has been updated
- Issue with statues being moved to garage during events at Townsend Center—move elsewhere? Rachel to look into options—perhaps moving to landscaping
- Intrinsic and Honda sculptures are considered permanently placed, thanks to their sponsorship of CORNival

OLDE TOWN MURAL:

- Beverly met with Olde Town Revitalization Task Force; will attend their next meeting 12/19 as well
- Rough draft of Call To Artist created

- Sent to Task Force for input
- Will then go to Bob Laden, City Attorney, via Rachel
- Honorarium for chosen artist(s): 3 payments (1 initial for supplies; 1 mid-project; 1 upon completion)
- Hope to post by end of year
- Timeline created with 6/30/24 completion date
- Selection criteria list drafted
 - Historical value
 - Interactive
 - Abstract twist
 - Potentially 2 parts—pedestrian level & upper portion visible from streets on either side
- Beverly & Chris to continue review of materials, connect with Mainframe Studios

NEW BUSINESS:

CHOOSE NEXT PROJECT(S):

- Calan to lead traffic box wraps project
- Chris to revive Rotating Art display project—connect with Kim at library
- Emily to share spreadsheet of spaghetti session projects; Beverly and Chris to sort and organize, define small/medium/large projects for prioritization discussion next meeting

OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nothing to report

COUNCIL + STAFF UPDATES:

- With new Council members beginning terms, Rachel will gauge for interest in having a City Council representative on the Commission

AGENDA ITEMS for next meeting:

- Vote for Commission president

ADJOURNMENT:

- Chad motioned to adjourn, Alex seconded; all ayes, motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm
- Next meeting will be at 5:00pm on January 8, 2023, @ City Hall Council Chambers