

Indianola Public Arts Commission

Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2021

Members Present: Dan Anderson, Monica Weinman, Grant Darrah, Kim Guilford, Laurel Halstead, Tim Wilson

Also Present: Jackie Rafferty

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Grant motioned to approve the August 12, 2021 and August 26, 2021 meeting minutes. Kim seconded and the motion carried.

Dan reported that Pageturners is having a good experience with the current piano. The group discussed moving the piano to Bob's Custom Trophy for 2 weeks then transitioning it to West Hill Brewery for the winter. West Hill indicated they would like to have it inside the establishment for use during the months it cannot be outside. Jackie will coordinate delivery to both locations.

Monica indicated her advanced art class can paint the next piano for a spring semester project. Monica said the piano must be primed before the class could paint it. The piano can be moved from storage at the end of January to the high school art room. Laurel motioned to approve the art class to paint the second piano in 2022. Grant seconded and the motion carried. Tim noted that the high school or Simpson music departments or DMMO could play the piano as it nears its completion to market the project. Jackie reminded the group that sponsor letters will need to be sent out again as all funds raised with previous request have been spent on supplies to complete the first piano.

Jackie reported on the community survey status. Teva, with NRAC, is waiting on Carlisle and Norwalk to appoint representatives to the steering committee before proceeding with the survey. Betsy Freese, Bob Kling and Laura Avitt have agreed to serve on the Indianola steering committee.

The current streetscape status was discussed. Phase 1 will be completed late this fall and Phase 2 will begin next spring. Kim mentioned the need for greenspace on the square. The group discussed living walls and a possible installation location on the west side of The Local Vine building. Architecture students could be involved in the project and Angie Buchanan could be consulted. Hometown grants were discussed and Grant indicated the grants themselves are typically issued for active projects, not ideas. Each IPAC member is to research living walls and bring ideas to November's meeting.

The group discussed historic figure benches and decided the cost of the figures may not be cost effective for IPAC at this time. Tim mentioned large fiberglass figures/structures that could be placed around the city more economically. Laurel indicated it would be beneficial to come up with project ideas at different monetary levels so that grants applications could coincide with the dollar amount of the grant offering. The group agreed this would be a good idea.

Jackie noted that any article IPAC wants included in the Indianola community magazine needs to be submitted to Kathy at Parks & Recreation by the November 19th.

Laurel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Monica seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kim Guilford, Secretary