

Indianola Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, April 27, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers, 110 N 1st St, Indianola, IA

Members Present: Bob Kling, Grant Darrah, Tim Wilson, Justin Nostrala, Hayden Keeney

Members Absent: Megan Shipley, Monica Weinman

Also Present: ??

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting began with a presentation from Amanda Zwanziger, President and CEO of Indianola Chamber of Commerce. She mainly stated that she is working to ensure that the various Indianola organizations communicate and cooperate with each other to ensure that we all know what other committees are doing and work toward a common goal of improving awareness of Indianola. Amanda stated that she had some ideas for arts projects, such as a balloon festival mural that featured an actual balloon basket attached to it that people could get into to have their pictures taken. The main idea is to try to come up with something that serves as a landmark that people are drawn to thus increasing Indianola traffic.

Sponsors: Tim reported that both the 2022 sponsors who had been offered a “discount” on sponsorship this year had responded. CemenTech donated \$500 at half off the “Event Sponsor” level and A&W contributed \$100 for expenses rather than opt for a sponsorship. ?? confirmed the checks had been received. He also is following up with a couple of local banks. Grant had previously secured some \$500 “Event Supporter” level sponsorships. Everyone is encouraged to keep reaching out to businesses.

Security: Justin reported that Chris Frerichs with Simpson College security has been very helpful in trying to assist with referrals and brainstorming. He pointed out that some campus cameras are moveable and perhaps could be utilized for our security needs. He said CSC, a security service based in Des Moines, was recommended by IPD Chief Sher.

Attractions: Hayden reported that she was aware of a flute choir in the area and was going to reach out to see if they could scale back to a quartet (16 in group normally). She also reported that we have a blues guitarist. Tim suggested it would be OK for these artists to solicit donations or sell CDs.

Food Trucks: Jackie had forwarded an update that we have seven lined up!

Artists: Bob reported on behalf of he and Monica that we have student exhibits lined up from each school.

Layout: Bob brought some descriptions of tents we can use for display and registration. We’ll need both. It appears there are several options on line and Bob was asked to research additional options, though all agreed we want something that we will be able to use for several years. We need a 10’ X 20’ tent (or close) that can be used to display children’s art work; the registration tent can be smaller.

Trash: It was clarified that T.R.M. will pick up trash Saturday night so bins will be empty Sunday. We will need to make sure all bins are moved to the curb.

Housing: We are still waiting for a cost for overnight stays but Bob reported that the Balloon Museum is confident they can accommodate artists who wish to stay on Simpson's campus.

Other business: Bob is meeting with the County Supervisors soon to discuss possible projects in the alley adjacent to the county-owned building on Buxton. He pointed out that painting metal (the exterior of the alley side of the building) would be problematic.

Tim moved to adjourn and Justin seconded. APPROVED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm