

Indianola Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 23, 2023
City Hall Council Chambers, 110 N 1st St, Indianola, IA

Members Present: Bob Kling, Grant Darrah, Tim Wilson, Monica Weinman, Justin Nostrala, Megan Shipley

Members Absent: Hayden Keeney, who provided a written update

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

March 1 minutes were APPROVED.

Jackie was not able to attend but had sent an email earlier asking the Commission to address some questions:

- Logistics for artists wishing to stay overnight Saturday at Simpson College
- Need to decide what level of state license would be required for the proposed raffle of artist donations

Bob will look into the cost of rooms with Simpson staff.

There was consensus that due to the expected value of raffle items, the City should only require a gambling license for a very small raffle and only for the duration of the Festival. A motion to approve the use of funds to purchase the license was approved.

Jackie also reported 27 artists have been approved.

Don't forget to prepare your committee's report for the Indianola Summer Art Festival this Thursday. (Plans and needs for the student exhibit; costs for security; any more donations; housing, what are we deciding on music and etc.) There are several things we need to finalize after we get the artist's booth fee payments that are due May1

Discussion ensued on artwork for the alley. Ideas were reviewed. Bob agreed to reach out to the County Board of Supervisors to indicate our interest in that alley as a possible art project site (they own the building on one side). Justin asked if we were committed to that site and the group agreed that this was one possible site but that we are not fully committed to this site or only to this site. Each member agreed to take on the assignment of identifying other potential sites in and around the square and elsewhere in town and report at the April meeting.

Bob asked that each committee lead come to the April meeting prepared to report updates on the various tasks agreed to, including plans and needs for the student exhibit; costs for security; additional sponsors; housing, what are we deciding on music and etc.) There are several things we need to finalize after we get the artist's booth fee payments that are due May1. In May we will send out the finalized map and information on to the vendors and the public. As of now we have filled 49 vendor spots!

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59.