

Indianola Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2022

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

Members Absent: Monica Weinman, Megan Shipley

Also Present: Jackie Rafferty

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

Motion to approve November minutes: Moved by Grant, seconded by Justin. APPROVED

Discussion followed about the draft list of tasks provided by Bob. Points discussed included:

- the fact that the identity of jurors (for artists who did not participate last year) are secret; Bob will recruit
- Tim will coordinate fundraising/sponsorships but this will be every Commissioner's responsibility
- Jackie has received some recommendations for overnight security.
- Jackie will look into whatever licenses are needed and secure those.
- Justin will contact Simpson College security for guidance but we understand the College will not be able to provide overnight security.
- Registration area is probably best site for communication center for lost and found, information throughout the event

Leadership of each category and additional tasks are reflected on the attached document.

Grant suggested adding outreach to school-age children to encourage their participation.

Bob proposed that each committee chair bring a list of everything they'll need (volunteers, materials, signs, etc.)

Entertainment: Jackie had sent examples of other community celebrations. Maybe we could feature quilters – Bob will check with local quilting group.

We agreed to review the Arts Master Plan prior to the next meeting to begin to determine another project for the Council to pursue.

Bob pointed out we should be pursuing another project and the Bravo Public Arts grants could provide funding. One idea is creating a living wall, which we've discussed before. We need to narrow down choices to two or three and then choose. Some ideas in master plan might work for us to rally around. As was discussed at a previous meeting, Iowa State has a program that works with communities on public art projects. Monica communicated that she has a contact. A deadline for Bravo grants has not been set.

Items for January meeting: 1) compile Art Festival needs list for each task area, 2) list from each Commissioner of who s/he is approaching for sponsorship, and 3) review master plan so we can narrow down ideas.

Other update: Jackie said City Council is reviewing our budget request.

Motion to adjourn: Moved by Justin, seconded by Hayden. APPROVED. Meeting adjourned at 6:59.