

Indianola Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, March 28, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers,
110 N. 1st Street, Indianola, IA

Members Present: Bob Kling, Monica Weinman, Justin Nostrala, Tim Wilson, Grant Darrah,
Also Present: Jackie Raffety

Bob called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The minutes from the February 22 meeting were approved. (motion Grant; second Monica)

Grant brought up the matter of the piano's disposition. He reminded us that it is still at the Annette Center and has to be moved. There was agreement that before having the piano become salvage, we should have its status evaluated. Grant has been in contact with Andrew deFord of deFord Piano Tuning, who is willing to provide an evaluation for \$100. A motion to authorize \$100 to have the piano evaluated by Mr. deFord was approved. (motion Tim; second Grant) If a home is needed for the piano, it can be moved to the high school after the school year.

The 2024 Summer Art Festival was the next topic. Von's Balloons was briefly discussed. A motion was approved to contract with Von's Balloons to provide balloon art for three hours each day of the Festival. (motion Justin; second Monica).

Jackie provided the following updates:

- Two 10'X20' tents have been ordered
- 23 artists have submitted applications
- Sponsorships of \$500 have been received from TruBank, CemenTech and Karey Bishop
- Dunkin' Donuts has inquired about having a truck present; they would not sell anything but would give samples of their beverages (they would be welcome)
- Guitarist Ron Burchette has asked if the IPAC would be hiring musicians. Jackie will ask him to submit a proposal.

Monica has lined up teachers to select student art that will be displayed in one of the tents. She will look into pricing ribbons for those pieces selected. The Commission briefly discussed the need for students to pick up their art on Sunday afternoon, which was an issue last year.

Jackie shared that Hayden Keeney has submitted her resignation. Tim said he has contacted Jamie Hansen about applying and she seems interested but has been out of the country for a few weeks.

Grant and Tim are working on an application to BRAVO for support of the Buxton alley on the Town Square. They had just met with consultants from The Group Creative about the project. The consultants are willing to help with this and will provide some consultation prior to approval of any funds in hope we get the grant. This was particularly necessary for preparing a budget. There was agreement that the application should ask for \$25,000 from BRAVO for a proposed \$50,000 project. Information from BRAVO indicates this would be the maximum likely award. Tim and Bob will be present at the April 1 City Council meeting, as the Council must approve submission of the application, which must come from the City.

Porch Fest (Saturday, September 14) has received a great deal of interest after a story was published in the *Independent Advocate*. Several homeowners have offered up their properties to host artists. Only a couple of artists have expressed interest but there is plenty of time to

recruit from our list of artists and by contacting those who perform at local venues. The Art Festival can also be used to promote interest. Discussion ensued about how clustered or spread-out performances should be. This won't need to be decided until summer.

Justin shared that the display of quilts from the Warren County Piecemakers' will open April 5 at the Simpson College Gallery of Art & Design, located on Howard Street, between Clinton and Detroit Avenues

The Commission moved its next meeting to Thursday, April 18 at 5:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21.