

Indianola Public Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, May 23, 2024
City Hall Council Chambers,
110 N. 1st Street, Indianola, IA

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

Also Present: Ben Reeves, City Manager

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

The minutes from the April 18 meeting were approved. (motion Justin; second Grant)

Tim requested that our guest, City Manager Ben Reeves, be allowed to present next. Ben reviewed the history of various projects and needs of both the City and Warren County, including examples of collaboration. He presented photos, maps and renderings depicting the various elements of an impressive exchange of properties designed to meet the needs of both governmental units. These involve the County Maintenance Yard, Indianola Public Library, Masonic Temple, and other buildings and parcels. Acquisition of some other adjacent privately-owned parcels is also planned. The City's need for development and a new library, among others, will be met through this unique exchange and future anticipated actions. The impact for IPAC is the creation of substantial new opportunities for public art and access to funding sources heretofore not available due to the scale and nature of this project. Of particular interest are opportunities to substantially change/improve the character of the stretch of the Summerset Trail between Iowa Avenue and N. 6th Street that currently abuts the County Maintenance Yard. No firm plans are in place but the area can be open to businesses, housing, parks and other uses that could greatly improve the Trail's aesthetics.

The 2024 Summer Art Festival was the next topic.

- Children's Art Monica is obtaining costs of student art ribbons and will present at the next meeting.
- Volunteers Justin will set up the same online sign-up as last year. We will also look to HIS and Simpson College for possible summer/fall athletes to help. All agree the big need is for set up Saturday morning and breakdown Sunday afternoon.
- Security We reconfirmed that coverage should be 8:00pm Saturday until 7:00am Sunday.
- Quilters At Justin's request, we will create/purchase signage that highlights the Piecemaker Quilters exhibit.
- Sponsors Tim said the only additional support since last month was \$100 from A&W. Grant suggested the Balloon Classic folks should be approached about

sponsoring the entertainment involving no cash but liberal promotion at the Classic of the Festival.

There has been no news on PorchFest. We still need musicians but have plenty of host homes/yards/porches. Grant has created a flyer and social media image that should help with recruiting. Tim will share this with music teachers at Indianola High and Middle Schools and Strong Roots.

Tim reported that Jayme Hansen plans to apply for appointment to the IPAC. We still need additional members, as she is essentially replacing Tim who plans to relocate in late summer or fall.

Given the timing of anticipated BRAVO grant announcements, the next IPAC meeting will be Monday, June 17 at the Simpson Graphic Design Center at Howard & Clinton Streets at 6:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07.