

MINUTES  
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM  
January 8, 2015 - 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Ms. Joleen Hill, Ms. Shelly Richardson, Mr. Steve Lee, Mr. Frank Tracz, and Ms. Penny Senften. Absent was Mr. Todd Holmberg, Ms. Jan Danenberg, Mr. Donald Hedrick and Mr. Jay Dean Nelson.

Employees present at this meeting were Edward Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Swan, Recreation Supervisor; Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant. Peter VanKuren, Airport Director, Kim Boice, Admin/Finance Assistant; and Shane Wright, Asst. Airport Director.

Visitors: Ms. Beth Bailey, AHA of Manhattan; Ms. Marsha Rozell, AHA of Manhattan and Ms. Danielle Schapaugh, of AHA of Manhattan.

MINUTES

Due to the Chairperson and Co-Chairperson not in attendance, Mr. Eastes asked if Mr. Tracz would chair this meeting. Mr. Tracz called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes of the December meeting. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

PETER VANKUREN, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

Mr. Eastes introduced Mr. VanKuren and informed the board of the airports interest in having some type of artwork placed at the airport. Mr. VanKuren introduced himself to the board and distributed a packet of information on the setup of the airport as well as the new buildings. Mr. VanKuren went thru the photographs and gave his opinions on the best locations for placement of artwork. Discussions began about potential artwork/photos/sculpture placement. Funding was also discussed and organizations who could possibly assist with funding. Mr. VanKuren stated that Ms. Karen Rogers of the Airport Advisory Board would be interested in being on a sub-committee to move forward with this idea. Mr. Eastes advised that it is up to the board to select sub-committee members and may want to wait until the chairperson and co-chairperson were in attendance. Mr. Tracz asked that that this be added to the next meeting agenda. After discussions, Ms. Hill made a motion to select Ms. Danenberg and Mr. Nelson as representatives of the Arts & Humanities Advisory Board to meet with the Airport Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Tracz. On vote 5-0.

MANHATTAN LIBRARY UPDATE

Mr. Lee stated that he was to meet with a potential donor over the holidays but has not met with the donor yet. Mr. Lee will work on setting up a time and hopefully have more information at the next meeting.

BLOOMBERG GRANT

Mr. Eastes asked that Ms. Rozell give an update on the Bloomberg Grant. Ms. Rozell stated that the grant was prepared after Thanksgiving and submitted. She is expecting to hear something in the near future, and then another more formal grant process will be completed. Discussions began about placement of artwork, funding as well as additional organizations that can assist with funding. Also mentioned was a sub-committee to assist with the financial aspect of the grant process.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Tracz stated that he met with the Jim Smith/Baer family regarding the Veterans Peace Memorial. Fundraising was discussed and Mr. Tracz was in favor of the band performing to raise money. Mr. Eastes stated that this issue will be brought up at the January 27 work session agenda with the City Commission. Mr. Tracz also mentioned the October 4 special event and if the band was needed to perform. Ms. Swan stated that she would love to have the band attend on that date.

The meeting was adjourned.