

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
February 5, 2015 - 11:45 A.M.

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

Employees present at this meeting were Edward Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Swan, Recreation Supervisor; Ginny Pape, Recreation Supervisor; Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; Angie Sutton, Community Relations Director; and Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant.

MINUTES

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Lee to approve the minutes of the January meeting. On vote, motion carried 8-0.

MANHATTAN LIBRARY UPDATE

Mr. Nelson began with the Manhattan Library. A presentation by Mr. Lee, subcommittee members Ms. Hill and Ms. Danenberg went to the library to review locations possible for potential artwork. Photographs of the library and parking lot were shown. It was decided the best possible location would be the corner of Poyntz and Juliette. Discussions began about potential artwork, maintenance, ownership and costs associated with placement. The sub-committee would like the Advisory Board to approve a piece of artwork to show the Manhattan Library Advisory Board. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to approach the library board with the artwork called 'The Mariner'. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson that the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board 'empowers the sub-committee to move forward with a preliminary exploration of a recommendation for placing a sculpture similar to 'The Mariner'. This sculpture has been offered for the cost of manufacture by Will Lala, and to discuss approval, placement and funding options with the Manhattan Library Board.' On unanimous vote, motion carried 8-0.

Also discussed were options for the Manhattan Airport. Mr. Lee mentioned the previous meeting with the Airport Director, Peter VanKuren. Mr. Lee would like Mr. Nelson and he to work with Mr. VanKuren and the Airport Advisory Board to get some images placed at the airport. Mr. Lee provided the advisory board with potential photographs to place at the airport and the new section opens in about 6 weeks. The length the photos would be made available for viewing for approximately one year. Mr. VanKuren does have a small budget to work with. Mr. Lee mentioned the Arts and Humanities Board doing a walk-thru at the airport for viewing. Mr. Lee further stated that the Airport Advisory Board meets on Monday, February 9. Ms. Swan stated she would like to volunteer for a sub-committee in assisting with the selection of artwork for the airport expansion.

CIP REQUESTS

Mr. Eastes discussed grant applications, the by-laws, ordinances, resolutions and guidelines and any processes involved. Mr. Eastes mentioned it was being discussed to allow the Arts & Humanities Advisory Board a 1% special improvements fund from the alcohol tax money used for Parks and Recreation activities. Funds could be available for future projects. Mr. Eastes reminded the advisory board that they can make recommendations as well as promote arts to the community. Mr. Hedrick gave an update on a folio application and was hoping to have more information next week.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Eastes introduced Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; to the board. Mr. Thompson gave a presentation about the City Park Master Plan which was used in the past and for future plans. Discussions began about possibilities for artwork and including community input from the City Park Master Plan. Comments will be brought to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on March 2 for further discussions.

Mr. Eastes stated that the term limits were up for Mr. Tracz and Ms. Senften and new committee members will need to be selected.

The meeting was adjourned.