

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
April 2, 2015 - 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Mr. Jay Dean Nelson, Ms. Joleen Hill, Ms. Jan Danenberg, Ms. Shelly Richardson, Mr. Steve Lee, Mr. Todd Holmberg, Mr. Chris Boxberger and Ms. Livie Olsen.

Absent was Mr. Don Hedrick.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Edward Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation, Ms. Kathy Swan, Recreation Supervisor, Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner, and Ms. Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors were Ms. Danielle Schapaugh – PR Coordinator, Arts & Humanities Association of Manhattan, and Andrew, K-State Student.

MINUTES

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Hill, seconded by Ms. Danenberg to approve the minutes of the March meeting. On vote, motion carried 8-0. Mr. Nelson recognized the new members, Ms. Olsen and Mr. Boxberger, to the advisory board.

MANHATTAN LIBRARY UPDATE

Mr. Nelson stated that he was contacted by Ms. Linda Knupp, and advised that the Library board met on Monday, March 30, 2015. The discussion about artwork was not on the library agenda but will be added shortly. The abstract art piece in question, made by artist Will Lala, and entitled 'The Mariner' will cost approximately \$27,000. Discussions began. Ms. Schapaugh mentioned that she had not heard any bad comments about the artwork. Potential funding was discussed and how it may be possible to have state funding provided. Mr. Nelson suggested research needed to be done to see if there were funds available. Mr. Lee volunteered and will provide information to the advisory board at the next meeting.

PEACE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Mr. Nelson stated that he was contacted by Mr. Dave Fisher regarding the Peace Memorial Auditorium. Discussions began about the project to include the possibility of including a mural, informational kiosk about the history as well as a kiosk to honor veterans. Ms. Danenberg has volunteered to be the liaison on behalf of the advisory board. Mr. Eastes stated that the Peace Memorial Auditorium improvements will have public meetings and will eventually be a city project. Mr. Boxberger, who is the chairperson for the Friends of Peace Memorial, gave an update on their cause and they are interested in restoring the stage and auditorium. There are not a lot of funds available but are working on receiving private donations. In late September, a benefit will be held and also possibly having a car show.

MANHATTAN AIRPORT UPDATE

Mr. Lee mentioned the Airport Advisory Board will be meeting and the members have stated they are interested in public art. Mr. Lee will keep the advisory board updated. Discussions began about artwork, location for artwork at the airport and types of artwork. Mr. Lee asked if there were any news about the 1% funding that may be available to the Arts & Humanities Board. Mr. Eastes stated that it will be addressed by the City Commission soon. Mr. Lee mentioned having some type of foundation assist with a proposed budget to raise funds for potential artwork and to get more people in the community involved.

CITY MASTER PLAN

Mr. Thompson updated the advisory board with a power point presentation on the status of the City Master Plan and the survey that was provided to citizens of Manhattan. The survey received over 500 responses from different age groups with most being residents of Manhattan. Public Art was mentioned by 34 participants who believed that art should be made a priority. A City Park Master Plan workshop will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015, in the park to give residents opportunity to provide feedback on the plan. Lengthy discussions began about the survey, types of questions, responses, areas of interest for the City and the progress it has made.

GOAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Eastes asked the advisory board what would they like to see in the future in terms of goals for the Arts and Humanities Board and wanted the advisory board to give it some thought and bring ideas for discussion. Mr. Nelson mentioned he attended the City Commission potential candidates meeting and was presently surprised about the thoughts of the candidates with regard to the future of art.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Hill donated to the Parks and Recreation Department a book: "The Story of Johnny Kaw," by George Filingier, first published in 1955 and reprinted in 1969. Discussions began about the book and Johnny Kaw history. Ms. Jerri Garretson, author of "Johnny Kaw: The Pioneer Spirit of Kansas", published in 2011, will be in town soon and Mr. Thompson thought it would be nice if Ms. Garretson could provide a lecture about Johnny Kaw. Ms. Hill suggested Mr. Thompson contact Cheryl Collins at the Riley County Historical Society for more information.

Mr. Eastes discussed city sponsorship and gave the advisory board a copy of the current sponsorship procedures for review and discussion at a later time.

The meeting was adjourned.