

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
October 1, 2015 – 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Mr. Chris Boxberger, Ms. Jan Danenberg, Mr. Don Hedrick, Mr. Steve Lee, Ms. Livie Olsen, and Ms. Shelly Richardson.

Absent were Ms. Joleen Hill, Mr. Todd Holmberg, and Mr. Jay Nelson.

Employees present at this meeting were Ms. Susan Adams, Recreation Supervisor; and Ms. Ginny Pape, Recreation Supervisor.

Visitors: Ms. Kathy Dzewaltowski, Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance

MINUTES

Ms. Danenberg called the meeting to order. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

MANHATTAN LIBRARY UPDATE

Ms. Danenberg and Mr. Lee led a discussion on the progress made towards the potential art piece to be housed at the Manhattan Library, per city review and approval. Mr. Lee volunteered to meet with members of the Library Board to inform them that the AHAB will move forward with a formal RFP once the Library Board moves to support an art piece located on Library grounds.

PEACE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM UPDATE

Ms. Dzewaltowski updated the Board on the recent 60th Diamond Jubilee celebration at Peace Memorial Auditorium, as well as the work of the Friends of Peace Memorial Auditorium. Ms. Danenberg suggested that the AHAB support some type of art installation in the auditorium and/or entryway.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Danenberg began discussions about the election of officers for the Board. After discussion, Mr. Hedrick nominated Ms. Hill for Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Lee. On vote, motion carried 6-0. Mr. Don Hedrick left the meeting. For Vice-Chair, Mr. Lee nominated Mr. Nelson and was seconded by Ms. Danenberg. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Olsen commented on the lack of sufficient bicycle parking in the downtown area, and suggested that the AHAB offer their support to the Bicycle Board. After discussion, the Board indicated that they would like to advocate cooperation and helpfulness between all Boards whenever possible.

Ms. Danenberg introduced a suggestion from the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance to post historical information about the Union Pacific Depot within the building. The Board would like to discuss this project further at future meetings.

Other future projects discussed include the creation of a general fund for Arts/Humanities and the pursuance of additional grant funding for Arts/Humanities ventures. The Board also expressed interest in inviting Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner, to a future AHAB meeting to discuss possible arts installations in the City Park Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.