

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

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

Absent were Mr. Jay Nelson, Mr. Chris Boxberger, and Mr. Don Hedrick.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Visitors: Ms. Kathy Dzewaltowski, Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, and Ms. Danielle Schapaugh – PR Coordinator, Arts & Humanities Association of Manhattan

MINUTES

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

MANHATTAN LIBRARY UPDATE

Mr. Steve Lee and Ms. Jan Danenberg are working on a draft proposal for a public art piece for the Board to consider.

UNION PACIFIC DEPOT HISTORICAL SIGNAGE

From last month's meeting discussion, the AHAB is in support of increased signage at the Depot and is willing to support Historic Resource Board recommendations of interpretative items in the Depot.

Other discussion covered signage at the roundabout at 4th and Bluemont and at Blue Earth Plaza (BEP) – interpretative signage on the significance of the specific locations – art piece at the roundabout and historical significance of BEP.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Eastes attended the October 12 Airport Advisory Board (AAB) meeting to carry the AHAB message of a willingness to collaborate with the AAB on an art component within the airport terminal expansion phase 2 project. The AAB indicated a willingness to collaborate but did not feel the project was at a point for this discussion to occur. The AAB would reengage with the AHAB when this point in the project occurred. The AAB indicated they had formed an internal subcommittee to consider art in phase 2 of the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Joleen Hill led a discussion on possible donations for public art opportunities and spoke of the Manhattan Community Foundation and the possibility of securing their support on various grant opportunities. Mr. Eastes indicated he would reach out to Manhattan Community Foundation CEO, Vern Henricks, to address the AHAB on various opportunities.

Ms. Livie Olson led a discussion on a special January work session for the AHAB to consider various fund raising opportunities. Mr. Eastes will be sending out various dates for the AHAB to consider.

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.

Ms. Shelly Richardson expressed interest in inviting Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner, to a future AHAB meeting to discuss possible art installations in the City Park Master Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.