

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
September 1, 2016 – 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Mr. Chris Boxberger, Ms. Joleen Hill, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Livie Olsen, and Ms. Julie Pentz.

Absent were Dr. Wayne Goins, Mr. Todd Holmberg, and Mr. Jay Nelson.

Visitors at this meeting were Ms. Charlene Brownson, AHA Representative, and Mr. Charles St. Claire.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Recreation Director; Ms. Tarica Lare, Recreation Supervisor; Ms. Ginny Pape, Recreation Supervisor; and Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner.

MINUTES

Mr. Boxberger called the meeting to order. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May and June meetings. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Nelson still plans to meet with Mr. Vern Henricks of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to discuss funding opportunities for the Library project.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Boxberger updated the Board on his work with the Airport Advisory Board. The Airport Advisory Board has not met since the last AHAB meeting.

COLORADO PARK MASTER PLAN

Mr. Thompson gave a presentation on Colorado Park (Historic Court House Square) and the Park Master Plan. Current projects at the site include sidewalk replacement, Old Jail renovations, and the Colorado Park Master Plan. The City plans to install window coverings on the Old Jail that can be decorated with artistic components at a later date.

Mr. Thompson requested feedback on the following areas from the board:

1. What types of art installations would the Board like to see in the park?

The Board expressed interest in sculptures, murals, play structures, artistic seating elements, lighting elements similar to those in City Park, and bike racks. Mr. Boxberger suggested that the City install a plinth that could house a sculpture at a later date.

2. Are there locations the Board would like to see public art?

Mr. Boxberger and other board members indicated a number of areas within the park that would be well-suited for public art.

3. Is there a desire for a more artistic intervention at the Old Jail?

The Board indicated that they are in favor of artistic window coverings at the Old Jail and would like to provide input on this project as it progresses.

Ms. Hill moved for the Board to add Colorado Park to the Public Art Placement Guidelines' list of sites identified as high profile locations. Mr. Oleen seconded. On vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Ms. Hill recommended that the City should consider renaming Colorado Park.

Mr. Thompson asked for questions and/or comments. Ms. Hill inquired about the Master Plan for Pioneer Park and if the City has any plans to relocate the sculpture located within the park. Mr. Thompson indicated that a Master Plan does exist for Pioneer Park, but there are no current plans to update the park in any way.

Mr. Oleen asked if the City has any plans to install soccer fields or permanent soccer goals at City Park. Mr. Thompson said that there are no plans to do so at this time. Mr. Oleen suggested that the City install a large green space for soccer and/or football at City Park.

COMMUNITY ART & DESIGN GUIDELINES PRESENTATION

Mr. Clifford informed the Board that Mr. Brad Anderson, Executive Director of Salina Arts & Humanities, will present to the Board at the October meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Boxberger informed the Board that the Flint Hills Regional Council is interested in requesting a grant from the NEA to create an Arts Asset Map for our region. Mr. Boxberger moved that the Board offer their support of the Flint Hills Regional Council grant application. Mr. Oleen seconded the motion. On vote, the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Clifford updated the Board on the work of the Peace Memorial Auditorium Task Force. They are moving forward with the foyer project.

The meeting was adjourned.