

MINUTES  
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
RIEGER CONFERENCE ROOM  
January 5, 2017 – 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Livie Olsen, Ms. Joleen Hill, Mr. Chris Boxberger, Dr. Wayne Goins, and Ms. Julie Pentz.

Absent were: Mr. Jay Nelson and Mr. Todd Holmberg

Visitors at this meeting were Ms. Charlene Bronson, AHA! Manhattan.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Recreation Director and Ms. Tarica Lare, Recreation Supervisor

MINUTES

Mr. Boxberger called the meeting to order. Minutes for the November meetings were approved. Ms. Olsen motioned to approve, Mr. Oleen second. Motion carried 7-0. Minutes for the December meeting were approved. Ms. Olsen motioned to approve, Ms. Hill second. Motion carried 7-0.

LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Oleen said there have been no updates since the November meeting. He also mentioned we need hard data regarding this project to begin funding discussions and possible sponsors. Mr. Boxberger inquired what our next steps are in this process. Mr. Clifford instructed that we'd need to draft a plan of action including a description of the project that can be reviewed by City Engineers. We would need to know what conditions need to be met and also need to know what dimensions are allowed through the City before we proceed. Mr. Boxberger stated his concern about the placement of the project and wanted to make sure this was appropriate before continuing pursuing other aspects of the project.

Ms. Hill requested discussion regarding additional options as to avoid the City Commission questioning having only one option to approve as well.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Oleen explained the Board's role in providing artistic guidance to the Airport Advisory Board. They are looking for assistance from Jay or Penny? or someone in the same type of role to assist them and would like to have someone knowledgeable in art come out and just instruct them on what direction to go in. Ms. Olsen suggested for them to work with the CVB. Mr. Oleen brought up the windmill design and reported that the Airport was not interested in this idea, due to FAA guidelines regarding windmills. Mr. Boxberger recommended we continue our support of this board, but only be involved to the extent that we are asked. Mr. Clifford said he had a discussion with Jesse Romo, Airport Director, regarding involvement of AHAB members. Mr. Romo said the focus has been on the terminal completion, but the focus can return to the Advisory Committee now that this is completed. Mr. Clifford made it clear that we are just in a supporting role, but we have several people with expertise in this area that would be an asset to them.

SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES UPDATE

Mr. Clifford reminded everyone of our presentation from Salina AHAB. He showed the group the Draft Action Plan as a starting point for this process. (See Draft Plan for specific items reported)

- A. Mr. Oleen asked for information regarding the CIP projects and where the public can make recommendations. Ms. Hill stated we've made requests for CIP within the last few years. She recommended we review our past requests (Arts in the Pocket Park, funding from the City, etc) Mr. Clifford said he would check on any current projects on the list. Ms. Olsen asked if we could change the priority of our items to be under Parks and Recreation so they are in the most

appropriate place for exposure. Mr. Clifford stated that we could attend a Commission meeting to ask for priority for our items. Mr. Oleen stated that we needed to review our recommendations and have a special meeting to make decisions regarding these and how to proceed to meet the end of January deadline. Mr. Clifford recommended moving our February meeting up a week to the end of January to meet this deadline and accommodate staff being unavailable on February 2.

- B. Mr. Clifford mentioned recommending specific projects (library project), but also recommending new projects and activities.
- C. Mr. Clifford mentioned researching and recommending fundraising and grant opportunities. He mentioned we need to assign people to pursue each of these opportunities.
- D. Mr. Clifford mentioned developing guidelines related to our projects. Using our current Public Arts Placement guidelines, and creating a Public Display and Performance Guidelines. Ms. Pentz asked regarding the formal process for proposals. Mr. Clifford said there really isn't. She recommended this be put in place to assist in advising and avoiding controversy within requests. Ms. Hill gave the history of how the AHAB came to be. She mentioned that the City Commission needed this board to help advise them in how to produce and develop art within the community. Mr. Goins requested Mr. Clifford or Mr. Boxberger provide a flow-chart, so we can have clarification on what this group is and how we are related to Parks & Recreation, City Commission, and the Mayor. He requests the flow of power, money, etc. We need to know the exact steps that we need to take to make actions happen. Mr. Oleen brought up the point that we need a department level position focused on these. He asked how we convince the City to consider this?? Mr. Boxberger recommended we start this process in reference to Ms. McCulloh's comment in the December meeting regarding funding being available for a position. Mr. Clifford requested either taking a few Commission members to Salina, or requesting a presentation in front of the entire Commission regarding how we want/need to proceed. Ms. Pentz recommended we consider the project "Percent for Art" which is a plan that implements asking for 1% of the total City budget or a plan similar to be put in place for Art.

#### PERMIT PROPOSAL

Ms. Olsen requested a permit system for street art and performance in the city and community. Ms. Olsen asked for Ginny's help in creating this permit proposal. Mr. Oleen recommended contacting the City of Lawrence and requesting information on their policies and procedures regarding this. Ms. Bronson requested looking into insurances with street art as well. Mr. Goins spoke of the frustration of how tied our hands are on this board. Ms. Olsen mentioned that we need to find some way that the City can use this advisory board, or get rid of us, because at this time we are not making any progress.

#### PARK AT LEE MILL HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN

Mr. Clifford announced that the Park at Lee Mill Heights Master Plan is almost complete. Parks and Recreation has sponsored a number of programs at the park that have given community members the opportunity to provide input on what they would like to see in the park's master plan. Senior Park Planner Mr. Wyatt Thompson is considering feedback from these events as he finishes the plan. He would like to present to the AHAB and seek feedback on artistic components for the park in February in March.

Next meeting proposed for January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am due to a conflict on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Oleen moved, Ms. Olsen seconded. Motioned carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned.