

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
September 7, 2017 – 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Ms. Charlene Brownson, Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay, Dr. Wayne Goins, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Julie Pentz, and Ms. Hilary Wahlen.

Absent were Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, Ms. Hannah Kleopfer, and Ms. Roshanna Robinson.

The visitor at this meeting was Ms. Alexa Sharp, Kansas State University.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Director of Recreation, and Ms. Ginny Pape, Recreation Supervisor.

MINUTES

Mr. Oleen called the meeting to order. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the July and August meetings. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER(S)

Mr. Oleen welcomed Dr. Michaeline Reay to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Alexa Sharp, Kansas State University student wants to create pop-up galleries in City Park. The galleries would be interactive displays with multiple local artists. Ms. Sharp will meet with Parks and Recreation staff and we will present plans to the AHAB at the next meeting.

Dr. Goins left the meeting.

TAL STREETER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Clifford had the opportunity to meet with City Engineers, and was told that the Manhattan Public Library could be an appropriate site for the project, but placing the piece in the original location is not a viable option. At this point, the Board must conduct a site analysis to determine if there is a place on Library property that is viable. We potentially need an engineer or consulting firm to conduct the analysis.

Dr. Chance-Reay suggested that the Board contact Kansas State University to see if they would be interested in providing this service.

Mr. Clifford suggested that the Board look at the loop at the entrance to town, the 177 off ramp, near Pierre and Fort Riley Boulevard (east of the FHDC). City Engineers informed Mr. Clifford that this could be a possible location for the project. Ms. Wahlen informed the Board that her contacts at the K-State Department of Landscape Architecture had previously suggested this site to her.

Mr. Oleen wondered if it is possible to pay a firm to find a potential site location.

Mr. Oleen offered to contact Mr. Jay Nelson and let him know that the Board is pursuing a new site option. We would like Mr. Nelson to find out if the Streeter family is agreeable to the new location.

Ms. Wahlen will contact K-State Landscape Architecture faculty to ask if they would be willing to conduct a site study of the new location.

Dr. Chance-Reay will inform the Library Advisory Board that the original location is no longer viable, but the AHAB is still interested in helping with other installations.

UPDATE ON NEA GRANT OPPORTUNITY – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mr. Clifford told the Board that he and Ms. Pape met with Mr. Lyle Butler and Ms. Karen Hibbard at the Chamber of Commerce about the NEA Our Town Grant opportunity. It has been determined that we don't have adequate lead time to meet the deadlines for this year, but will plan to put in an application for 2018. The City of Manhattan will need to partner with a local arts organization. We would like to create a steering committee this fall to begin planning efforts to apply for the grant in 2018. Mr. Oleen would like to select Board members for the committee at October's AHAB meeting.

The purpose of pursuing this grant opportunity would be to secure funding from the category of *Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects that represent the distinct character and quality of their communities*. Our intent would be to create a public art policy and plan for the Manhattan community in cooperation with local business leaders.

BOARD VACANCY – HANNAH KLEOPFER RESIGNATION

Mr. Clifford informed the Board that Ms. Hannah Kleopfer has resigned from the AHAB to pursue an employment opportunity outside of Manhattan.

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Pape informed the Board about City of Manhattan Arts programs. MPRD is hosting a Manhattan's Got Talent contest as part of the Fall Family Fun Day scheduled on September 24th at City Park. Interested performers have until Sept. 18th to submit an audition tape via the talent show Facebook page.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Wahlen told the Board that she had some potential art pieces that could be of interest for the Park at Lee Mill Heights project, and will bring information to the next meeting.

Ms. Pentz was contacted by the Women's March MHK to speak about women in influential roles in the community, and will be speaking to them this Sunday. She was contacted because of her involvement with this Board. (Women for Kansas.)

The meeting was adjourned.