

MINUTES  
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
November 2, 2017

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

Absent were Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann and Mr. Wayne Goins.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Director of Recreation, and Ms. Lindsey Sparlin, interim Recreation Coordinator.

MINUTES

Mr. Oleen called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Brownson shared information about aha! Manhattan, handing out a pamphlet and discussing the Red Couch campaign.

TAL STREETER PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Clifford updated the Board on alternative sites being considered for this project. The City Engineer suggested another location in the same vicinity as the Hwy 177 off-ramp near Pierre and Ft. Riley Boulevard. The smaller plot of land on the opposite side of the off-ramp is City-owned and would potentially be easier to work with than the first site, which is located on KDOT right-of-way. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of each site and the projected size for the installation as it relates to visibility and accessibility.

Ms. Wahlen reported back on the K-State Landscape and Architecture program who indicated everything was fully booked for the Spring 2018 semester so it wouldn't be until Fall 2018 before we could be on their agenda. They are looking to have more hands-on experience with projects.

Further discussion occurred on how to proceed with securing funding for this project and how to determine an estimate of the costs involved. The Board inquired if we needed to find someone who does a site analysis and fabrication or look at finding separate companies for these jobs. Mr. Oleen indicated that he would contact the Manhattan Community Foundation to check on funding availability and timeframes. It was agreed that the first phase of the project should be involved with site analysis and planning. Mr. Clifford will contact Bruce McMillan Architects to get a cost estimate on consulting services for this phase or possible recommendations for other consultants.

NEA GRANT COMMITTEE

Mr. Clifford reviewed with the Board again the opportunity to work with the Chamber of Commerce to pursue an NEA Our Town Grant opportunity in 2018. The City of Manhattan will need to partner with a local arts organization such as the Manhattan Arts Center. We would like to create a steering committee to assist with planning efforts to apply for this grant and would like to have representation from the our Board. Mr. Oleen asked Board members to consider serving on the committee and so we could revisit it at the next AHAB meeting.

The purpose of pursuing this grant opportunity would be to secure funding to create a public art policy and plan for the Manhattan community in cooperation with local business leaders.

### COMMUNITY ART DESIGN CONCEPTS

Mr. Clifford reviewed the handout from the Salina Arts & Humanities Commission that had also been emailed to Board members. It included many examples of public art projects and information on the Community Art and Design process in Salina. A request was made to send all of the resource information from the Salina presentation to Board members again.

### STAFF REPORT

Mr. Clifford informed the Board of staff resignations from Ginny Pape and Tarica Lare. Lindsey Sparlin is working as interim Recreation Coordinator for most of the Arts & Humanities duties and Daniel Myers-Bowman has been hired in an interim capacity to work with Arts in the Park and Youth Theatre for next summer.

Mr. Clifford also informed the Board that RoShanna Robinson had resigned from the AHAB due to her current work commitment and being unable to attend meetings. He indicated that there were a number of potential Board candidates who had submitted interest forms for consideration. Discussion followed on having conversation with the mayor about appointing Board members who have the ability to attend meetings and talking with members who are unable to attend to see if they are willing to step down so someone else can fill their spot. It was also suggested that we seek out a Board member with grant writing experience.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Chance-Reay inquired about the 4<sup>th</sup> St. Roundabout project. It was her understanding there was to be some signage that accompanied the project that has never been completed. Mr. Clifford indicated he would follow-up on that issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 pm.