

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
REGULAR MEETING
April 11, 2018

Present: Ms. Charlene Brownson, Mr. Aaron Oleen, Ms. Hilary Wahlen, Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, Ms. Karen McCulloh, Mr. Wayne Goins and Julie Pentz.

Absent were: Ms. Sujatha Prakash and Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay

Others present were Anne Smith, aTa Bus and Lindsey Sparlin, interim Recreation Coordinator.

Mr. Aaron Oleen called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

A. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Ms. Karen McCulloh and seconded by Ms. Hilary Wahlen to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2018 meeting. Passed 7-0.

B. Public Comment

Anne Smith from aTa Bus explained the improvements for public transportation with new fixed routes and an app to help serve the community. aTa Bus is working with KSU to set up bus stops and bike racks. Smith presented what the bus stops will look like, that they will be made with renewable resources, use solar energy, have bike racks, be ADA compliant and that regardless of location have shelter from the wind. Smith explained that aTa Bus is working with Metropolitan Planning Organization to coordinate many different types of transportation. Smith explained that there is a study that will show what each stop will need so there will be different sizes since not every location needs the full shelter. MATC will do the labor for the construction of the bus stops and aTa Bus will provide maintenance. Smith explained that there is a possibility to incorporate art from schools and other artists into the plastic cover material on the bus stops.

C. Board Re-appointments

The Board members approved of the re-appointed members. New 3-year terms went into effect on April 1st.

D. Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Oleen presented that the Tal Streeter project was submitted for the 2019 CIP. It was discussed that the Board isn't relying only on the CIP process, and that city officials are working behind the scenes. The Board discussed the reasons for having Bruce McMillian Architects do the planning of the Tal Streeter project and went over the draft contract given by McMillian. It

was decided that the Board will develop a committee for the finalization of the Tal Streeter project.

E. Greater Manhattan Community Foundation Grant Request

There was discussion of the Greater MHK community foundation grant program and what the grant was looking for in the applications. Oleen informed everyone of our submission for the juried art competition request. The Board decided to form a committee to take action if the grant is received.

F. NEA Our Town Grant

The Board discussed considering a grant request to fund another study with someone who is knowledgeable in public art. It was presented that the deadline is August 9th for submissions. The Board decided they would need to build a committee that would write the grant. There was discussion on concerns expressed about if the grant would fit out needs and if information could be sent out to provide more details on the grant process.

G. Staff Reports

Lindsey Sparlin presented the Arts in the Park schedule and there was discussion of past shows and the current shows.

H. Other Business

The bylaw manual will be sent out to discuss the positions that are up for nomination. Nominations will be made at the May meeting.

Information was given for the Third Thursday event taking place in July, August and September from 5:30-7. This event is looking for public performance, showcase talent and collaboration for arts and business communities.

I. Future Business

More information about the City Park Master Plan, Warner Park Master Plan and the Johnny Kaw Project will be presented at future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.