

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 2018

Present: Ms. Charlene Brownson, Mr. Aaron Oleen, and Ms. Hilary Wahlen, Ms. Karen McCulloh, and Ms. Julie Pentz,

Absent were: Ms. Sujatha Prakash and Dr. Michaeline Chance-Reay, Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann and Mr. Wayne Goins

A. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on April 11, 2018

Mr. Aaron Oleen called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm. It was moved Ms. Karen McCulloh and seconded Ms. Hilary Wahlen to approve the minutes of the April 11th meeting.

B. Election of Officers

Ms. Karen McCulloh motions to have Mr. Aaron Oleen and Ms. Julie Pentz as officers to retain chair and vice chair. Ms. Charlene Brownson seconds, motion passes.

C. City Park Master Plan – Alfonso Leyva, Park Planner

Mr. Alfonso Leyva discussed the Public Interactions and the Advisory Board meeting schedule and concept development. The discussion of plan D expressed that there would be 100 less parking stalls to increase the edges of the park. Ms. Karen McCulloh expressed concern regarding travel from the East side of the park to the West side of the park. The Board discussed the use of the old parks and recreation offices along with the use of the round house.

Discussion of the statue of Johnny Kaw and how he would be remodeled. The Board discussed the changes that would be made to the surrounding area along with the statue itself.

D. Juried Art Competition Grant Request – Update

The Grant was submitted by Mr. Aaron Oleen. A Committee member called Mr. Aaron Oleen and asked questions regarding the grant and how the Board would use the money. There should be more to discuss at the June meeting.

E. Dedicated Funding for Public Art

The Board reviewed the input from the commission. The Board discussed creating a subcommittee that would develop ordinance and a policy guide or manual that will be taken to the commission. The Board decided the subcommittee would be made up of board members

and people from the community. A form will be created in order to recruit members. There will not be voting, only recommendations.

Mr. Randi Clifford will report back with more details on partnerships for the GMCF. The Board discussed the concern of the deadline for the site feasibility study.

F. NEA Our Town Grant

The Board discussed what the grant was about and how much funding would be given. It was discussed to use the Kansas Committee of Art to potentially get funding to create programs and get things created for the study. There was discussion of a timeline and when things would need to be started. The discussion was tabled due to The Board wanting to wait to apply for the grant next year.

G. Staff Reports

Mr. Daniel Meyers-Bowman discussed how this year's performances at Arts in the Park have a mid-dollar range acts compared to the past where there were a couple high dollar acts and a number of low dollar acts. He expressed that he feels attendance will be the same this year, ranging from 750 to 1,500. He also discussed how youth theatre has a large number of youth enrolled. The board discussed how the City Auditorium is not an ideal location for the youth theatre program and instead be held at Nickels Theatre.

Ms. Hilary Wahlen expressed that she will discuss more on the landscape architect update at the next meeting

Ms. Charlene Brownson asked to have the red couch at the Arts in the Park and storing it at the old Parks and Recreation offices.

H. Other Business

None to present.

Adjournment: 1:15pm