

Des Moines Arts Commission (WA)

Monthly Meeting Minutes 3/14/17

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner, Sheri Verburg, at 5:30 p.m. and turned over to Michelle Fawcett, DMAC Vice President at approximately 5:45 p.m.

Present: Patrice Thorell, Michelle Fawcett, Luisa Bangs, Colette Deardorff, Nancy Stephens, Shannon Kirchberg, Fred Andrews, Al, Sheri Verburg,

Also Present: Rondi Marsh, DMAC candidate

Excused: Jean Munroe, Ekk Sisavatdy

Minutes: There were no minutes available for approval.

Introductions –

Rondi introduced herself and shared some of her many arts-related experiences, interests, talents and passions. She resides in Des Moines and currently works at Midway Elementary as art/music teacher. Her background includes extensive music performance, song-writing and promoter, member of music educators organization, has been involved in dance, drama, band and the Yakima Symphony Chorus, to name a few. She is very interested in the Arts, appreciating both visual and performance art.

Commissioners took turns introducing themselves and providing a little background and how long they have been on the Commission.

Sculpture Art Walk –

Sheri reported out that Bill Linscott (Marina Association and Yacht Club liaison) approached her regarding their *South Sound Opening Day for Boating* event on Saturday, May 13th. They are planning a number of activities for the visiting Yacht Clubs and asked if she would conduct a Sculpture Art Walk that day at approximately 10:30 a.m., following their breakfast dockside in the harbor tent. He asked that the tour conclude at the DM Museum, as they are planning something there also. Following the museum, they would be available for lunch, hopefully around town. There is a ceremony planned at 3:30 (open to the public), followed by a dinner and music for the Clubs.

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Art Walk (*continued*) - Sheri is meeting with Tony Hettler, Destination Des Moines, to discuss their wine/art walk planning and determine if/how/when to consolidate efforts. Michelle will tie in with Sheri and Tony regarding same, as well as, her latest news about use of her building vacant space for DMAC activities (see Michelle's report on *Building Space* below).

3rd Annual Arts Gala on Poverty Bay – Sheri, 2017 DMAC Gala Co-Chair and Patrice, Gala Advisor, reported out on Committee planning to date. They met with Patricia Clarke, Legacy, Co-Chair and other Committee members to begin organizing efforts. The Gala will be held on September 22, 5:00 9:00 p.m. The Committee agreed that, although there is overlap and people are not limited to one planning category, it makes some sense to bucket planning efforts into the following four categories (see attached *DRAFTS*):

- Logistics and Catering
- Marketing and Promotion
- Sponsorship and Fund Raising
- Artists – Visual and Performance

You will receive copies of these sheets, filled in with data from last year (to be confirmed for this year).

ACTION REQUESTED: Contact Sheri if you have experience with and/or a preference/passion to assist with any particular planning category. The Committee is asking for volunteers to be *Co-Team leaders* for each category (one from DMAC and one from Legacy). Gala Co-Chairs and Advisor will participate across the board.

Concerts in the Park – Michelle reported out on planning efforts to date. The Committee met last week to listen to and begin selecting potential bands to submit to Shannon for follow up and negotiation. More bands are needed!! although more bands are needed and the Committee will be meeting again in the near future. Rondi (DMAC candidate) stated she had connections with several groups and would provide contact information.

ACTION REQUESTED: Each Commissioner is asked to submit 1-2 band names to Jean/Shannon.

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Vacant Building Space – Michelle reported that after approximately five months' negotiation and conversations with several stakeholders, the owner of the vacant space at the end of her building (Marina building) has agreed to allow DMAC access until such time as it is leased out. We would need to act quickly to utilize this approximate 4000 square foot space while it's available. She is working on ideas, including a possible art show and reception that could include our organizations, the community, the marina association and yacht club, etc. She will also tie in with Sheri and with Tony on the art walks currently in work and potential collaboration.