

Des Moines Arts Commission (WA)

Monthly Meeting Minutes 4/11/17

The meeting was called to order by Jean Munro, Commission Chair, at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Jean Munro, Patrice Thorell, Michelle Fawcett, Shannon Kirchberg, Fred Andrews, Al DeAnda, Sheri Verburg,

Also Present: Rondi Marsh and Rodney Olsen, DMAC candidates

Excused: Luisa Bangs, Colette Deardorff, Ekk Sisavatdy

Introductions –

Rondi had introduced herself at the last meeting. Rodney introduced himself and shared some of his background and many music-related experiences and interests. He spent years as the Music and Band director for Des Moines Elementary School, which is where he is currently employed. His background includes musical theater, woodwind music performance and composition. He wrote a musical, “Math Curse” based on the popular book and his group performs this every year. Rodney has a keen interest in helping establish an area in Des Moines for young people to express themselves musically. He currently enjoys living on his boat down in the Marina.

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

March Minutes –

Fred made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Michelle 2nd; motion carried.

4 Culture –

The Grant was approved, covering 2016 events, and Shannon submitted all the required documentation. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks to receive the funding.

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Concert Contracts –

Shannon provided an update. All but one concert-related music and sound contracts signed and on file. Shannon expects the last one to be in tonight.

Pop-Up Art Gallery –

Michelle has been working on some ideas for this space (see last month's report on vacant building space). One idea was for a pop-up gallery with local artists or something that will draw people into the area. Patrice stated that this area is zoned as a store and not a public gathering space, but that the Building Officials approved a one-time Public Assembly event. Michelle asked for volunteers to help put something together. Fred volunteered to help with research and implementation and Jean volunteered to assist with Marketing.

Sculpture Art Walk –

Sheri updated the plan for *South Sound Opening Day for Boating* event on Saturday, May 13th. The Arts Commission will host a brief sculpture walk from the Marina guest tent area up to Marine View Drive. Destination Des Moines is scheduling an Art/Wine walk through some of the local businesses. This event will be open to the public. Destination Des Moines will be publishing more information. Jean volunteered to assist with Marketing and Sheri will follow up on info/flyer.

3rd Annual Arts Gala on Poverty Bay –

Sheri, 2017 DMAC Gala Co-Chair, reported out on Committee planning to date. She thanked Patrice and Shannon for being the Team Leaders for *Logistics and Catering* and thanked Jean for being Team Leader for *Sponsorship and Fund Raising*. We still need to confirm Team Leaders for *Marketing and Promotion* and for *Artists-Visual and Performance*.

ACTION REQUESTED: This is our main fund-raising event and we need everyone involved. Please contact Sheri for any information and/or to volunteer for specific categories and/or tasks. If your name was on any of the task lists from last year, you will be asked to confirm your participation again this year. Sheri will send out the category sheets for you to review and update. And thank you!!

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Mt. Rainier Pacific Islander Club –

Ekk was not available for an update, but information is available on our Facebook page, as well as in City Currents. It will be a free event on April 29th. Contact Ekk to volunteer or for more information.

Art and Wine Fund Raiser –

Jean brought this up during the discussion of the pop-up gallery (see above).

Enhancements at 2017 Summer Concerts –

The group discussed ideas for adding more “pre-concert” activities, like the art table for kids. Ideas expressed included possible music instrument or art demonstrations and/or involving Rotary Music for Life. Rodney and Rondi both expressed ideas and interest in this area, including involving Ted Brown music and/or hosting a Drum Circle.

Collaboration Document with Legacy –

Patrice and Jean clarified the subject agreement. Ticket sales will be split 50/50 between DMAC and Legacy. Donations collected in the bins during concerts will be DMAC only.

Waterland Farmers Market –

Shannon stated that the Market will not a concert sponsor this year, meaning that they will not provide DMAC with a portion of their Wednesday food truck food sales. Jean will contact them for a possible one-time donation/sponsorship.

Nancy Stephen Recognition –

The Commission concurred we should provide Nancy a public recognition at an upcoming City Council Meeting, possibly on April 2th.

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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.

Fund Raising Donor Sheet –

Jean reintroduced a donor sheet that Commissioners could use alone for fund raising or in conjunction with Gala ticket sales. She will send this out again for comment. Shannon mentioned a DMAC brochure that was created some time ago and will reintroduce this to the Commission as well.

Other –

Patrice mentioned she is waiting to hear from the new Marketing person at Salty's regarding providing food for the Gala.

Fred brought up the web site and the group discussed ideas for getting it up to date and maintained on a regular basis. Ideas included using a page on the City Web Site, relying on other social media like Facebook, or even eliminating the site. Jean will contact Collette to confirm her interest and availability and the group will continue discussion.

Commissioners reviewed the pre-approved art work attached to the agenda, along with a draft of the Squid-a-Rama poster. Sheri made a motion to approve the Squid-a-Rama art work, Michelle 2nd; motion carried.

Adjourn –

Jean made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Fred 2nd; motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Verburg, Commissioner