



**DMAC MEETING MINUTES
04/13/2020 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM
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6:03 PM- Meeting brought to order

Present: Kindle Shaw, Tiffani Melake, Ashley Young, Marcus Williams, Eduardo Mendonça, Jim Fullwiler, Councilwoman Luisa Bangs, Susan Cezar, Katy Bevegni

Minutes Review and Approval: Missed

Summer Concerts:

Below are the bands what have agreed to perform for the Summer Concert Series and their status

- 7/2- Free Rain: Signed
- 7/15- Lonely Hearts: Signed
- 7/22- Stephanie Ann Johnson: Signed
- 7/29- Funaddicts: Countersigned returned
- 8/5- OPEN: Need band selection
- 8/12- Buena Vibra: Contract out, no signature
- 8/19- Hit Explosion: Countersigned returned
- 8/26- Caspar Babypants: Countersigned returned

Beer Garden Update:

The Des Moines Marina Association has declined to partner with the Arts Commission on the Summer Concert Series. Party on the Rocks is holding the dates for now. A non-profit is a necessary partner to have a beer garden. According to the Liquor Control Board, they need to be the organization that hosts the beer garden.

Generator:

Jim is going to follow up with Ashley on the contact for the generator and create an email introduction



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Covid-19 Budget Clarification:

Susan Cezar spoke to the Commission about the City's review of the budget. With the dramatic loss in revenue due to Covid-19, the City's Finance Department is reviewing all of the department's budgets and will present to City Council to see how they can move forward.

At this time, there is not a reduction set in stone but City Hall is confident that the Commission could fulfill the events or artists already contracted and operate with around a \$50,000 budget. Reasonable expenditures, outside of the Concert Series, are fine, but additional obligations may need reconsideration. If the Commission would like to request additional expenditures after the \$50,000, they may present them to City Administration.

City Administration may need to make decisions to cancel summer events. There are many unknowns related to what the limitations will be regarding gatherings and events. Many other jurisdictions are cancelling events into July at this point. Exploring options such as virtual concerts or delaying into Fall could mean the concert series could still happen without violating the Governors Stay Home Order. The Commission could make the recommendation to cancel events and spend the budget elsewhere. Safety of the community is the priority.

Councilwoman Luisa Bangs noted that City staff are meeting daily to address emergency response and see the changes the outbreak has on the community and are working to make a decision with budgets by May. Any recommendations on what the Commission would like to do with the budget is welcome.

Making recommendations or proposals without a budget number is challenging. Having a clear understanding of what the budget is will allow them to move forward. Additional information will be forwarded to the Commission as available.

Communication and Representation:

The Commission expressed they would like to be present or have a representative present when conversations regarding budget cuts or decisions regarding the budget are discussed. They would like more communication between City Hall and the Commission.

It is important to keep the Chair and Executive team in the loop so that previous commitments are considered or fulfilled.

Susan clarified that no decisions have been made related to summer events, and the administration has been focused on emergency response.

Recommendations were made for relief grants and it is still not clear what the budget is to consider that program.



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Current Working Budget:

The Arts Commission will have a \$50,000 budget to work with at this time. If adjustments are necessary as the City reviews the overall budget, the Commission will be notified.

Eduardo's Recommendation:

Eduardo expressed that the artists who have already been contracted will also be going through a challenging time and it could be helpful to them to honor the contracts the Arts Commission made with them. Even if that means moving concerts to later dates or fulfilling the commitment in a different way.

Jims Recommendation:

The Community may be ready to have a celebration when the Stay at Home Order is completely dropped and it is safe to do so

7:03 PM Meeting Dismissed