



**DMAC MEETING MINUTES  
05/11/2020 6:00 PM- 7:00 PM  
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**6:03 PM-** Meeting brought to order

**Present:** Ashley Young, Eduardo Mendonça, Jim Fullwiler, Susan Cezar, Katy Bevegni

**Excused:** Councilwoman Luisa Bangs

**Minutes Review and Approval:** Missed

**Recommendations of the Commission for 2020 Events/Programs:** Susan Cezar opened the meeting going over the recommendations of the resigned Commissioners. It was confirmed.

The Commissioners also went over recommendations about the future of the Arts Commission programs, and events that should take place for the remainder of the 2020 season. Susan suggested some smaller projects such as the SR3 fencing project, the Murray Island Mural relocation to work on.

The goal is to provide creative and safe ways to provide arts to the community and to be cautious, not reckless.

**Budget:** At this time, \$50,000 has been removed from the current budget to assist with needs of the City during the pandemic. The hope of the City Administration is that the remaining budget will be available to the Commission and will find out more after Second Quarter.

**Grant Program:** The Arts Commission is not currently set up to run a grant program, but if this is a direction the Commission would like to go in that can be created. There are additional resources outside of the Commission budget that could be used to fund these programs in the future.

**Recommendations:**

Concert Program- Try and keep the program running in a different way than the concert series. The concerts could take place later in the season when it is safer to gather community members together. This could be in the form of a parade, private concerts for specific demographics, connecting with other concert programs, or moving the concerts indoors later on in the year and have a virtual festival.

Grant Program- Give funds to artists in need. Several other Commissions have grant programs



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available and this is a possibility for this Commission as well. This would have to be set up and

may not happen immediately.

Virtual Tours of the Sculpture Walk- Wesley Homes requested a virtual tour of the sculpture park for their seniors. Ashley will reach out with Janet Best who is familiar with the sculptures, but this could be a great program to develop for the community.

SR3 Fence Covering- SR3 (Sealife Response, Rehab, Research) is in the midst of construction and will require a covered fence for the facility. The material has been selected but the Director has asked for the assistance of the Commission to find artwork to print on the material. SR3 has a budget of \$5 for the project and the Commission can connect with SR3 to see if there is a way to connect with the artist community and create a beautiful piece for the Des Moines community.

Murray Island Mural- There is a business that would like to display the mural on a container on 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and and S.W. 223<sup>rd</sup> St. Ashley and the Commissioners will connect with the owners to see what next steps are.

**Future of the Arts Commission:** City Manager, Michael Matthias, wanted to extend his appreciation to the Commissioners and all that they do for the community and the City. Des Moines is and would like to continue to be a City that focuses on the arts.

The Administration would like to take this time to review the by-laws and modernize them. This should be done before appointing new Commissioners. They would also like the current Commissioners to reflect on the by-laws and what is and is not working.

When the Commission and the community is able to come back at full capacity, it will be a time for celebration and new beginnings.

**Next Steps:**

Connect with SR3

Connect with City Staff about grant opportunities

Get bids from website developers to present to the Commission

**6:43 PM Meeting Dismissed**