Des Moines Arts Commission(WA)

Des Moines Arts Commission meeting minutes May 13th, 2014

Commissioners Present: Nancy Gosen, Ekk Sisavatdy, Collette Deardorff, John Hicks, Jean Munro
Excused Absence: Kristy Dunn, Kathy Isaac, Anna Brodie
City Representation present: Councilmen Bob Sheckler, Shannon Kirchberg, Patrice Thorell
Public or guests: none

Meeting was called at: 5:30pm by Chair Nancy Gosen
Introductions

Ekk – new commissioner past volunteers for over 5 years introduced himself to the group and announced the Asian-American Pacific Islander Leadership Institute he is coordinating along with other colleagues at Highline Community College and wanted the commissioners to spread the word to our community interested in attending.

Got Talent – discussed the Got Talent event that has taken place after summer concerts which has now been set for the October month. Chairing this committee is: Collette Deardorff. Jean Munro and Ekk Sisavatdy will assist. Discussion also took place to work around the parks October events and DD event. We mentioned involving the Hispanic community and having a day of the dead type of celebration or inviting some of the families to volunteer to incorporate more of this tradition. We may have day of the dead art projects non-scary for the young kids and other art projects that teenagers would be more in tune with. Also, possible pumpkin carving contests and Hispanic music/entertainment via auditioning these groups.

Squid-A-Rama – John gave Bob Sheckler and Ekk a recap of last year's Squid-A-Rama and let the group know that we are on schedule for 2014 with the MaST Center/Rus Higley and we will order more chowder, set up room a little differently, and involve the elementary, HS, college for SQUID ART and hire fireman so we don't have to count and have community members wait to come inside.

Art on Poverty Bay – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be on June 21st 11am at the Des Moines Marina Shannon will contact Frank Irlanda regarding brochure edits and see if he is willing to do them for free again or if not, what is his cost? The commissioners approved to pay for Frank Irlanda's work up and printing to $1,000.

Farmer's Market --- opening day is: June 7th. The DMAC will join the Parks & Rec table we will need our concert and play brochures. DMAC bins need to be picked up by Friday afternoon before. The commissioners approved to pay for the $25-$35.00 table fee for the months of: July, August, September, and October).

Marketing materials – discussion around fliers/brochures we want to use fb/DMAC webpage more to save printing costs and because people throw them away. Discussion around business cards with fb/DMAC website on it and creating a QR code for our DMAC page & fb page. Also, a magnet with our concerts and play listed. Shannon will look into the cost of magnet and busn. Card. Also, Patrice let the group know that the DD was still pending some event dates before they will finalize the back to back ½ page brochure that houses the majority of Des Moines events such as: parade, boat races, marathons, concerts, etc.

Volunteers – Nancy mentioned we would like to invite family, friends to help volunteer at the events and encouraged us.

Concerts in the park: Nancy asked us if last year's system worked well and do we want to repeat the process to have one commissioner per concert as lead for each concert and other commissioners attend to assist with table/collection of

donations and arts table and or DD as needed. Lead would commit to getting their earlier to make sure set up is complete and announce band/play & make sure everything runs smooth and that all volunteers sign in on forms and cleanup is appropriate for Shannon next day. The commissioners agreed.

John: 7/23 lead, Collette 7/16 lead, Ekk –states will be available to help at all concerts.

Mission/Vision- Nancy G. wants to continue to work on the DMAC's Mission/Vision to have clear perimeters etc. and Bob Sheckler stated he think this is very important in our efforts to ask for donations and that he would be willing to assist Nancy in this effort.

Curb Jumpers menu was given out by Shannon and was booked for all the summer concerts (not play). Their fb/website pages were added to DMAC fb. The menu looks delicious and is inexpensive.

http://www.curbjumperstreeteats.com/

August 7th Parks & Rec. event at: Steven J Underwood Park (back pack give away) Patrice is wanting to get the word out to artists and cultural groups that would be interested in performing for 1,000 plus kids plus their families at a Back to School Fair to be held at Steven J Underwood Park on August 7, 2014 between 10am and 1pm. The kids will be invited based on their need to get free backpacks filled with school supplies. Many of the families that will attend are Latino, so it would be great to make connections with Latino groups. I was also hoping to get contact information for some of the past Des Moines Got Talent participants if it is available. Thanks!

4 culture funding: Bob asked Nancy if Charlie Rathbun returned a call regarding the grant application we would like to receive to conduct a diversity survey to the Des Moines Community. Nancy stated she has talked with him but not regarding finalization of the grant. Follow up will be done.

Bob Sheckler asked Patrice how the City of Des Moines arts funding compares with other arts commissions and Patrice stated we should be getting more funding in comparison to other commissions.

Art on Poverty Bay Yakutat Sculpture was discussed & conversation regarding the $5,335.00 that was raised and if the DMAC would receive the 20% profit since the sculpture was sold for a lower amount. The DMAC agreed that since Nancy Stephen was in charge of this project and has completed the majority of the work that we would forego any of the profits from the first sell in addition, the sculpture is an asset to the city. Comment was made to the commissioners regarding the future placement of the sculpture that our hope is to make sure the sculpture stays out in the community and not in a storage room. We all agreed that more conversation needs to take place regarding this project and specific items around storage/sells and profits.

Guests for June meeting will be: John Welsh – Rainier Symphony Chamber music concerts & George Andrate – Des Moines photographer who would like to start the art walks in the city of Des Moines.

Camp Khaos—kids art project—Ask Kristy Dunn if she needs help hanging the kids art around fence or when this project is expected to be completed.

next meeting will take place: June 10th, 2014 at the Des Moines Activity Center.

DMAC meeting was adjourned at: 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Munro