



**Des Moines Arts Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2018 • 6:00 p.m.  
Beach Park Dining Hall**

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Present: Sheri Verburg, Michelle Fawcett, M. Anne Sweet, Fred Andrews, Nicholas Fannin, Jerry Farmer, Shannon Kirchberg, Luisa Bangs, and Susan Cezar.

Absent: Alfonso DeAnda (resigned), Marcus Williams (excused).

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Sheri Verburg.

### **Minutes Approval**

Minutes for the October 2018 meeting were presented. *Andrews moved to approve the minutes as presented. Farmer seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.*

### **Maury Island Incident Mural**

Some residents of Buriem were initially upset about losing the mural. However, they later approved. Now arrangements need to be made to retrieve it as it moves to the City of Des Moines.

### **Historic Countertop**

The solid wood countertop (measures 14 feet by 2 ½ feet by 1 ½ inches) has been picked up, but the donor has stipulated that it cannot be carved into. The donor also kept the second matching countertop that was thought to have also been available.

### **Budget Report**

Kirchberg reported that the budget has been updated through November 16, 2018. Revenue for this year was double what had been budgeted. As of this date, there has been no official response to the request for the \$20,000 that had been raised by the Legacy Foundation for DMAC. Unofficially, Legacy President Gene Achziger had talked to Verburg and told her that DMAC would need to submit an invoice for use of the funds.

### **George C. Scott Kaleidoscope**

Artist George C. Scott has been creating a new sculpture – “Kaleidoscope” [now titled “Marinascope”] – funded by the Port of Seattle’s ACE grant program and the Des Moines Legacy Foundation. Cezar reported that the City had met with Scott to discuss the site near the Marina kiosk that had been identified for installation of the sculpture. However, this site would present a problem with the utilities that will be needed for the new marina bulkhead. A new site has been identified in South Marina Park in order to meet the year-end installation deadline, as required by the grant. The existing benches in the park will be reoriented and lighting added. Two more plinths can also be added. The outdoor space will become a sculpture/art oriented park with “Kaleidoscope” at the focus. It will be completed by the end of the year.

### **City Hall Courtyard**

Cezar reported that work is in progress for the new plinths that will be installed. As of this week, topsoil, planting, bark, and other prep work is taking place. More plants will be planted in the spring. It is anticipated that the art will be installed during the second week of December.

### **Sculptures in Redondo**

It was reported that artist John White is upset and angry that two other pieces of art were installed next to his sculpture titled "Arch," which installed on the waterfront in Redondo. 4Culture has also gotten involved. In annexation of the land, it was stipulated that there should be no other art within 10 feet of White's sculpture. The two sculptures next to it are 9.3 feet and 9.5 feet away from it. 4Culture was a funding partner for the sculpture and also feels that these sculptures should not be on the plaza. King County maintains White's sculpture. The other two sculptures will probably need to be moved, although it was noted that Redondo would like to keep them in the area.

### **Grant from King County**

Cezar also reported that they had officially been notified that they will be receiving a grant from King County for the \$594,000 Van Gasken property acquisition. The property is located on a little over a half acre of land above the Des Moines Marina. The intention is to expand the city's parks and open spaces, as well as preserve the property for permanent conservation.

### **Prospective Commissioner**

Artist Ray Fernandez has submitted an application to become a member of the Des Moines Arts Commission. He has done a lot of projects in Des Moines, has donated to the Arts Gala, as well as donating a painting that he worked on live at this year's Gala. *After discussion, Farmer moved to approve Fernandez as a commissioner and to recommend to Mayor Matt Pina that he be appointed. Fannin seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Bangs was asked to help expedite Fernandez' appointment.*

### **Des Moines Secretary for 2019**

Fannin was nominated as secretary for 2019. He accepted the nomination and was approved unanimously to fill that position.

### **December Social Event**

The event has been scheduled in place of the regularly-scheduled DMAC meeting on Monday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. After discussion, it was decided that it would be held at Anthony's Restaurant. Kirchberg will contact Anthony's to make a reservation. Commissioners and spouses/significant others will be invited, as well as City Council and other City staff. In lieu of not having a formal meeting on that date, the November meeting minutes will be sent out and approved by e-mail.

### **Art on Poverty Bay**

Andrews reported that the sculpture installation project at City Hall is looking good, and that he will e-mail with details when it is more finalized. He also noted that the South Marina Park, including the Anita Corby mural, would be re-done and upgraded with the installation of "Kaleidoscope."

### **Squid-A-Rama**

Andrews provided a "State of the Squid Address," which summarized this year's Squid-A-Rama. One problem is the limited occupancy of 100 people. MaST is considering possible solutions and is working with the Fire Department. Andrews commended everyone at MaST and all those involved. He recommended holding Squid-A-Rama a week later next year, as it had been hard to catch enough squid for the aquarium in early November. (See attached report for additional details.) Andrews was also commended for his work organizing the event and the kids' art exhibition, as well as for creating the looping video of the art in the exhibition.

### **Quarterly Report to City Council**

The DMAC quarterly report to City Council is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. All available Commissioners are encouraged to attend. The report will include a financial summary, wrap-up of the summer concert series, the Waterland parade, social media/website update and other pertinent information.

### **2019 Projects**

Verburg will provide a "data dump" of all pertinent files and information to incoming Commission Chair Williams. Andrews will provide pertinent information related to Squid-A-Rama.

### **Buffalo Soldiers Film Project**

Kirchberg had received a request for support of the Buffalo Soldiers' film project. Information was disseminated for review and further discussion.

### **One Minute Commercials Around the Room**

Sweet passed out postcards for Equinox Studios Very Open House on Saturday, December 8, and invited all to attend.

Kirchberg reported that she had been taking a pottery class at Throwing Mud in Tacoma and was "addicted." She has also been painting.

Verburg noted that she would be available and open to answering any questions as DMAC moves into 2019.

Fawcett, nothing at this time.

Farmer offered to become more involved in helping with Squid-A-Rama.

Bangs reported that she will be running for City Council again and also reminded everyone of the Moshier Holiday Pottery Sale.

Fannin reported that he, Williams, and Andrews had been discussing art scholarship ideas and/or a contest with area schools and/or Highline College. He also brought up the idea of wrapping the power boxes in Des Moines with art.

Cezar noted that Corey [last name?], with the City, has been thinking about and working on the idea of wrapping Des Moines power boxes with art. She also noted that the City's Christmas tree lighting would take place on Friday evening, December 7. There may be the possibility of having a snow machine. This idea is being explored.

*Fawcett made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Farmer. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.*