

Beach Park Founder's Lodge, 22030 Cliff Ave South

Attendees: Nancy Stephen, Fred Andrews, Ekkarath Sisavatdy, Sheri Verberg, Michelle Fawcett, Patrice Thorell, Shannon Kirchberg, Al DeAnda, Jean Munro & Guest invited by Jean Munro: **Jill Andrews** from DDM

Excused: Collette Deardorff, Luisa Bangs

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm

Approval of November Minutes motions to approve by Ekk, 2nd by Sheri, all in favor.

Jill Andrews DDM attended and gave us updates on DDM happenings and invited us to collaborate with DDM for a February Des Moines Art and Wine walk (scheduled for early Feb on a Thursday definitive date coming soon). The DMAC is very interested in collaborating with them. In addition, they will be holding a pancake breakfast with berries at the Zenith Holland and collaborating with Furney's Nursery. Contact Jill Andrews for information on both events at: destinationdesmoines98198@gmail.com

City Gallery Updates was given by Patrice she informed us that the City changed direction on collaborating with DMAC to add a City Gallery at the City Hall location the city manager and council had concerns regarding liability of the art in this space along with other logistics in the space.

Fred provided an overview of the city hall gallery proposal. Commissioners discussed options for a new space in our area for a gallery downtown. Michelle mentioned a space in her complex that is empty and will contact the owner to see if we can use this space until it is rented. The lighting and staging is perfect to showcase community art which could be seen from the outside of the shop. Fred also discussed that he did not want to further work on this project since he spent months on working on the City Hall space and would like other commissioners to put forth efforts and he will help as needed. Sheri was interested in helping Michelle with this new effort. Other suggestions for a gallery location suggested by Nancy was Wesley Gardens she will talk with them about the possibility.

Fred thanked all the commissioners efforts on the amazing winter Squid-A-Rama event which was again a huge annual success and he spoke about the kid art gallery and how wonderful it was to see the kids view their art at the MaST Center and to see their parents so proud. The live dive and live squid tanks along with squid dissection and chowder the event proves to be one of the best to end the year. The commission appreciates the continued collaboration with the Highline College MaST Center and donations from Auntie Irene's, Salty's and the K-12 schools who participated in the gallery. Jean also thanked the commissioners for all their hard year's work on the commission.

Joe D. was scheduled to update the commissioners on the new city parking charges but he had to re-schedule. Mayor Matt Pina emailed to thank the commission for all their hard work this 2016 year and he wishes he could have attended but had another engagement.

2017 slate of officers:

Chair: Jean Munro

Vice Chair: Michelle Fawcett

Secretary: Ekk Sisavatdy

Next DMAC meeting is on January 10, 2017

Meeting adjourned at: 6:30pm