

Des Moines Arts Commission
Meeting Minutes Tuesday June 14, 2016

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:35 pm

Attendees: Jean Munro, Patrice Thorell, Nancy Stephan, Shannon Kirchberg, Fred Andrews, Sheri Verburg, Michelle Fawcett,

Also present: Nancy Clark, Daniel Englehart, Jacob Gardner, Kyle Ehlers, Gemma Gendreau

Excused: Collette Deardorff, Ekk Sisvatdy, Kristy Dunn, and Louisa Bangs

Approval of Minutes:

Fred made a motion to approve May minutes; Nancy Stephen 2nd: Motion carried.

Introductions and Welcome:

Jean introduced Daniel Englehard – DMAC Volunteer . Daniel will assist the Commission in various activities and especially interested in concerts in the park.

Shannon introduced two summer interns: Jacob Gardner and Kyle Ehlers, Parks & Rec Volunteers. Jacob will support Concerts in the Park and Kyle will be Facility attendant for the summer. Both will work together on events and support Shannon being unable to attend concerts.

Fred introduced Gemma Gendreau, Jr. Commissioner Volunteer. Gemma is a Sophomore at Rainier High School and will support the Commission on a Marketing sub-committee, along with Rahal Ambachew (not present).

Event Updates:

July 6 will be a huge event and include the following: Farmers Market 4:00-8:00, Smoke on the Water BBQ 5:00-7:00, Silent Auction 5:00-8:00, Free kids' concert (Harmonica Pocket 5:30-6:30 and Free community concert (Whiskey River 7:00-8:30). There will be a raffle for Alaska Airlines tickets, root beer floats and Full Tilt ice cream. Patrice will send out more details as they are finalized.

Shannon shared an update on concerts, with the addition of Harmonica Pocket for July 6 and The Coats on August 24. Flyers are being finalized for distribution. Kyle and Jacob will replace flyers already distributed to businesses.

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Jean updated a script for volunteers to use, if desired, when making announcements and introducing the bands at the concert. She will email this out for folks to use or modify at their discretion.

Art Walk:

Sheri presented an update of the Art Walk Matrix and requested the Commissioners do the walk and provide any input on the art, artists or route. Gary McNeil schedules the walks the third Sunday of the month and will lead the art walk in Des Moines on July 17 and in Redondo August 21. Artists are welcome to attend the walks, invitation pending (Kristy).

DMAC Inventory

Shannon and Jacob presented information on DMAC supplies. Supplies are in good shape, with the exception of hole punchers. There are numerous kids' masks and they requested ideas for additional masks. Jean suggested a sunflower. Shannon stated that mask folders contain about 50 each and asked that as mask quantities get low (down to 10), volunteers notify them to re-order that mask. Sheri suggested a min-max process...place a post-it note that reads "reorder mask (name)" on the bottom ten. When a volunteer gets to that post-it, they pull it and give it to Kyle or Jacob. That mask will be re-ordered and the post-it placed back in the folder with the new supply. (Jean asked Adrian to draw up the sunflower it is ready for pick up at Des Moines Frame and Gallery).

Main Street Alley:

Patrice reported on the Mt. Rainier Students' project for doing a mural either in the Main Street Alley or Police Department. They will finalize a proposal and budget and present their plan.

KkAda Carmel Liqueur:

Jean reported that they have committed to the Arts Gala and 10% of proceeds will go to the Arts Commission.

Jr. Commissioner Instructional Meeting:

Michelle will coordinate a sub committee meeting for photography and social media assistance meeting was set for this Friday at 4:30.

Event Flyers:

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Flyers are being finalized for distribution, showing additional concerts (Harmonica Pocket and The Coats). Kyle and Jacob will replace flyers already distributed to businesses.

Other:

Nancy discussed sculpture and mural maintenance. Patrice will ask Janet to contact artists of City owned art and ask how they want their artwork maintained.

Jean reported that all artists are welcome to attend the summer events and promote their art. Twenty percent of art sales goes to DMAC. We would like vamp up our sculpture marketing to help artists sell.

Fred reported that he did not get the 4-Culture grant to hold a gallery at City Hall outside of courthouse. He offered to pursue idea if the Commission is in favor of it. Michelle made a motion that Fred bring back a budget proposal for next month and to vote at that time on moving forward, Jean 2nd. Motion carried.

Patrice asked that everyone look at their program budgets, as this will be topic of discussion at next month's meeting. She will send out a draft.

Fred put out a call for artists in City Current. He received interest from seven artists and has started a data base. Artists will submit samples of art. He is open to other ways to get word out. Jean requested he send her a .pdf and she will post on social media. (Jean posted this on DMAC fb page 6/15/16).

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm