

MEETING MINUTES

Coralville Arts Commission
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
12:00 p.m.
Coralville Public Library



In attendance: Bob Goodfellow, Carrie Houchins-Witt, Laurie Goodrich, Wes Habley, Sherri Proud, Nancy Mayfield

Approval and Comments

1. Call to Order: 12:02 PM
2. Citizen Comments: none
3. Approval of Agenda (Wes/Laurie)
4. Approval of February Minutes:
 - a. p2 City Circle, change "Saturday" to "Sunday"
 - b. Approved with edits (Wes/Carrie)

Reports

5. City Council — Laurie Goodrich (12:04 PM)
 - a. This Sunday is Putt Fore the Library.
 - b. There will also be a presentation by the Tolkien Society of Iowa City this Saturday at the library.
 - c. The access center that Johnson County is sponsoring is coming together, called "Guide Link Center." This organization will help supply emergency services for people, and will be by Shelter House on Southgate Ave in IC.

**Jump ahead to guest speaker*

6. Parks and Recreation — Sherri Proud (12:56 PM)
 - a. Sherri is working with Jenn Coleman to get more of Coralville's public art on a website; the first step is developing the landing page.

- b. There has been discussion about presenting events during a health scare, and how to respond to questions from members of the community.
- 7. Managing Director — Evan Hilsabeck (12:59 PM)
 - a. This has been a month of events and big projects; details are in the Agenda Notes.
 - b. We have booked the US Air Force Band for April 23; this is a free ticketed event.
- 8. City Circle Theatre Company — Wes Habley (1:03 PM)
 - a. Bethany Horning is joining the Board.
 - b. Director Interviews March 26-28.
 - c. Legally Blonde is cast.
 - d. Change of Seasons will be July 12.
 - e. Evita set the record for ticket sales for a concert production.
- 9. Young Footliters Youth Theatre – Liz Croco (1:04 PM)
 - a. Sara O'Donnell is the new Board chair.
 - b. Treasure Island will take place March 13-15; rehearsals are going well.
 - c. Registration opens tomorrow for YF summer camps. Camp Creamery, which has 4 sessions, is already openm for registration.
 - d. Evan: Board Retreat Re-cap: Amy Sundermann led a strategic planning session, and each committee has been newly defined.

Old Business

- 1. Fundraising RFP – Final Review (1:06 PM)
 - a. Approved to go out March 24 (Wes/Carrie)
 - b. This will be distributed to the folks we have already talked to, as well as the Iowa Arts Council.

New Business*

- A. Thomas Agran – Iowa City Public Art Initiatives (12:08 PM)
 - 1. He got into managing public art projects by participating as an artist, and has made many murals.
 - 2. Also serves on the IC historic preservation committee.
 - 3. Works for the Iowa City downtown district (via SMID).
 - 4. Advocates for local art with City Council, etc.

5. Thomas works with artists/organizations to identify the permits and funding needed for public art.
6. Additional projects: Angie Jordan is putting together some public art for the south district in the Broadway neighborhood. ACE hardware had 150 people show up to paint a wall for their neighborhood.
7. In Cedar Rapids, there is an organization called “Murals and More” helping to promote murals in that area.
8. Murals are inherently temporary, even when you use the best materials. Most contracts only cover responsibility for the building or the paint for two years; the artist maintains their copyright, but the building owners may always choose to repaint.
9. Additional Resources:
 - a. Amanda Lovelee (St Paul)
 - b. Springboard for the Arts “Ready Go” program
 - c. St Paul Public Art city plan
- B. Sculpture follow up: No news. We still need some specifics regarding size, bases, etc.

Conclusion

1. Comments from the Commission
 - a. Council Bluffs has a large public art program.
2. Adjourn (Carrie/Wes)

Upcoming Meetings: (No April Meeting), May 5