

MINUTES
ARTS AND HUMANITIES ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM
December 1, 2016 – 11:45 A.M.

Present were the following members of the Arts and Humanities Advisory Board: Ms. Rebecca Hackemann-Bahlmann, Mr. Aaron Oleen, and Ms. Livie Olsen.

Absent were Mr. Chris Boxberger, Dr. Wayne Goins, Ms. Joleen Hill, Mr. Jay Nelson, Mr. Todd Holmberg, and Ms. Julie Pentz.

Visitors at this meeting were Ms. Charlene Brownson, AHA! Manhattan; Ms. Karen McCulloh, Manhattan City Commission; Dr. Mickey Chance-Reay; Ms. Danielle Schapaugh, AHA! Manhattan; and Dr. Jeffrey Ward, Director of the Kansas State University School of Music, Theatre, and Dance.

Employees present at this meeting were Mr. Randi Clifford, Recreation Director; Ms. Tarica Lare, Recreation Supervisor; and Ms. Ginny Pape, Recreation Supervisor.

MINUTES

Ms. Olsen called the meeting to order. Minutes for the previous meeting were not approved, as there were not enough members present to form a quorum.

LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Oleen presented background information on the Library sculpture project to visitors. Mr. Clifford then explained that the Board's next steps will be to finalize the sculpture design, obtain accurate pricing on materials, and seek funding sources for the project.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD UPDATE

Mr. Oleen explained the Board's role in providing artistic guidance to the Airport Advisory Board as they continue with their current construction project. He shared that the Airport Advisory Board will most likely display place-holder art pieces in the Airport while they search for more permanent artistic components. Ms. McCulloh strongly encouraged the Board to pursue artistic and historic displays at the Airport, and expressed the importance of creating inviting community gateways. Members of the Airport Advisory Board were invited to this meeting, but were unable to attend. They will be invited again for the January meeting.

SALINA ARTS & HUMANITIES UPDATE

Mr. Clifford expressed his interest in formulating an artistic plan for the Manhattan community, which would be similar to the plan created for the Salina community by Salina Arts and Humanities. He explained that the Salina Arts and Humanities artistic plan impacts every public improvement project in their community, and the AHAB should strive to have this type of impact on the Manhattan community.

Mr. Clifford suggested that the AHAB form a committee to examine Salina's plan and determine how it can be used to form an artistic plan for the Manhattan community. Mr. Clifford also suggested that the AHAB reach out to other arts and humanities organizations in Manhattan to foster more collaboration on arts projects within the community.

Mr. Oleen commented that the City of Salina has made a serious commitment to the arts. They have created a department-level position for Mr. Anderson and have dedicated funding for artistic components in public improvement projects. Manhattan has not yet made this type of commitment.

Ms. McCulloh suggested that the AHAB propose a new position for the City of Manhattan that would be comparable to Mr. Anderson's work in Salina. She provided numerous funding opportunities for such a position,

including the Caroline Peine Charitable Foundation. Mr. Clifford offered to meet with Mr. Vern Henricks of the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation to discuss funding opportunities for a new staff position.

PARK AT LEE MILL HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN

Mr. Clifford announced that the Park at Lee Mill Heights Master Plan is almost complete. Parks and Recreation has sponsored a number of programs at the park that have given community members the opportunity to provide input on what they would like to see in the park's master plan. Senior Park Planner Mr. Wyatt Thompson is considering feedback from these events as he finishes the plan. He would like to present to the AHAB and seek feedback on artistic components for the park.

The meeting was adjourned.