

Cultural Commission Minutes: January 24th, 2018

Call to Order: Ron Crick called the meeting to order at 7:32am

Roll Call: Ron Crick, Jeff Crabill, Meryl Brown, Jamie Mathy, Julia Cozad-Callighan, Angelique Racki, Mark Halx, Carole Ringer, Melissa Libert

Staff Attendance: Jim Mack, Samantha Stills

Minutes Approval: Minutes of December 13th, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Discussion:

Members discussed the Council proposal and what changes were needed if any.

Jim: Mentioned most of the verbiage came directly from the Cultural Commission Mission Statement within the minutes that were approved on July 26, 2018. The statement was voted on and put into the mission therefore we really shouldn't change the verbiage.

Mark: Asked what the point was for the statement "A cultural district may also contain businesses like restaurants, banks, or parks where primary purpose is not arts, but that regularly create opportunity for the public to encounter the arts."

Members discussed how that comment came across to them and what it meant to them and it was decided to leave the statement as written.

Jim: discussed that the proposal will be sent up the chain and put on the February Council Agenda. A final vote needs to be taken to approve the proposal and move it forward.

Ron: Motion to approve the proposal for Council as written and for Jim to move up the chain and onto Council Agenda. 1st, Meryl Brown. 2nd, Carole Ringer.

All Members voted to approve the proposal and move it forward to be placed on the Council Agenda for February.

Ron: Asked Jim to discuss the business card updates.

Jim: Had an example business card template, of what the Cultural Commission cards would look like, that he passed around to all the members to look at and discuss.

Angelique & Meryl: Suggested to have no office number listed but rather have a blank line for each commissioner to write their number in.

Ron: Asked everyone to remember what these cards are being used for and that the more professional they look the better.

Carole: Asked who would receive the emails that would come to the email address listed on cards.

Jim: mentioned that Kellie suggested an email be set up for the Cultural Commission. It most likely will go to Kellie, Ron, or Samantha to direct and disperse them as needed.

Mark: suggested no blank lines as it does not look professional.

Jamie: agreed to having no blank lines and making the card more professional.

Jeff: asked about the cost to print the cards and if it was expensive.

Jim: mentioned the cost not being too much; about 20.00 per box, and that business cards are needed for the Commission.

All members voted in favor to move forward and purchase the cards with very minor/ slight changes.

Jim: Stated the Cultural Commission email will be set up before the next meeting.

Old Business:

Ron: Mentioned that Kellie's meeting with the Downtown Business Association and that she had a positive meeting and outcome. He mentioned she would let the group know more about that meeting at the next Cultural Commission meeting.

New Business:

Ron: Asked to talk about Support and Advocacy, Governance, and the Central Online groups.

Ron: Mark and he met and came up with a document on Governance to pass out to all the members. He told the rest of the groups they need to meet before the next Cultural Commission Meeting and prepare a report to give to the group members at the next meeting.

Ron: asked Jamie when a final draft or document is made within the Cultural Commission if it had to be signed by Council to become an official document.

Jamie: Stated these type of documents are more of internal documents and he has never seen these type of documents go before Council. He has not seen any other documents like this from other Commissions. It probably should just become an internal document for the Commission to have. He is not for certain, if legally, the documents have to be approved by Legal in order to be used in multiple areas of the City.

Jim: Stated he would discuss this with someone in the Legal Department and get their input because we want these documents to become official and be able to use them in multiple places and for multiple things such as the City Website. The more set in stone the document is the better.

Ron: Mark and himself will put together a final draft from their report and give it to Jim to have it as support for the ordinance they plan to propose to Council in February. They will give this to Jim by next week.

Angelique: Asked if the Commission wanted documents to keep saying "the Cultural District?" or do they want to word documents so that it seems future is open to more districts as a possibility.

All members were in agreeance that we hope for multiple districts in the future, so wording needs to portray this.

Jamie: brought up a point in the Governance report about members who do not attend 3 meetings in a row shall be terminated. He preferred the wording be "May be terminated."

Jamie & Julia both moved into Online Tech group to make groups more even.

Jessie is being moved to Governance group to help make groups more even.

Jim: mentioned meeting one more time on the 21st before the proposal goes on the February 25th Council Agenda. However, documents are needed as soon as possible, before next week.

Jamie: Asked if meeting on February 14th would be better and more easily prepared before a quick Council turn around.

All members voted in favor of moving the February 21st meeting to February 14th instead. A special meeting will need to be called and posted and the February 21st meeting will need to be canceled.

Final Thoughts:

Jamie: Reminder that Tour De Chocolate is on the 1st Friday of February. It is a huge event that gets a ton of attendance.

Angelique: Reminded all that this Saturday is the 3rd Annual "Defend Yourself" Conference on Illinois State University's campus. It is an amazing free event from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Carole: Tomorrow; Friday night, is Illinois Symphony Orchestra playing at the BCPA. The Concert starts at 7:30 pm for anyone who still wants to attend and get a ticket.

Ron: Welcomed Melissa Libert and asked her to introduce herself to the group.

Melissa: introduced herself to group as a new member of the Cultural Commission.

Meeting Adjourned: Adjourned at 8:28am, 1st Ron Crick, 2nd Angelique Racki

Next Meeting: March 21st @ 7:30am