

**Indianola Public Arts Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2021**

Members Present: Dan Anderson, Laurel Halstead, Tim Wilson, Grant Darrah, Jim Lindsley

Members Absent: Kim Guilford Monica Weinman

Also Present: Jackie Raffety, Doug Bylund, Heidi Levine

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dan decided to start with New Business since Doug and Heidi were there to present on behalf of their Indianola group Hometown Pride.

Doug & Heidi explained that Hometown Pride have been applying for the Iowa Great Places grant program. They have been reaching out to other Indianola groups for input for the proposed project that is focused on a cultural corridor/walk between the Square and Simpson College. Great Places has a pre-qualifying application that is due in June and Hometown Pride is looking for ideas/collaborations in order to narrow down to a specific theme for the project. Doug & Heidi went over the variety of ideas that have been brought up including other cities' examples such as Grinnell, other suggestions were given along with Jackie's idea of Indianola – Rich in Culture. The discussion was wrapped up with the Public Art Commission being strongly in support of the Hometown Pride's project and willing to help & support when/where needed.

While Doug (who is also director of Indianola Parks & Rec) was still in attendance, Jim asked if Parks & Rec would be willing to help transport as well as store the public pianos our group is hoping to install in the city. Doug replied in the affirmative.

Doug Bylund & Heidi Levine left the meeting after their presentation.

Dan then called for the previous meeting minutes of April 22, 2021 to be approved, Jim so motioned and Grant seconded, motion passed all in favor.

The group then discussed that the only change needed in the by-laws: language changed to "the commission shall have 7 members". Grant motioned to approve, Jim seconded, motion carried.

The logo changes were discussed, Grant will redo and submit the updated version.

The group discussed the pianos on the square project. Dan did not have time to get the informational letter to the businesses drafted due to daughter graduating, Laurel did not receive a reply from CitySounds Des Moines and so would reach out to a local artist that has participated. Jim brought printed examples of pianos/prices he had found on Facebook marketplace. Discussion was made on types of pianos, local, and prices. Dan was willing to visit with one of the owners here locally to see what shape the piano was in. Dan is also willing to tune the piano that is chosen. Laurel discussed creating the artwork on the piano, suggesting that Grant, Monica & herself could design & paint this first one, Grant has a place to paint the piano & Laurel has supplies, Laurel will contact Monica. Jackie mentioned that the location of the piano could be in Buxton Park near the children's musical sculpture area.

In other new business: Jackie said that Teva from Group Creative Services (who are conducting the North River Arts Council's Public Art Masterplans) is in need of names of community members that are artists or interested in the arts, for the interviews & steering committee. Submit any possible names to Jackie as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be Thursday, June 24, 2021. New items: a treasurer will be appointed, and the letter to businesses on the Square reviewed and approved.

Laurel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Jim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Laurel Halstead, Vice Chair (acting as Secretary).