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Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

March 8, 2023 - 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present via Zoom: Aaron Burnett, Barbara Determan, Alexsis Fleener, Duane Hagerty, Mark Jackson, Danna Kehm, Tammy McCoy, Jacque Rahe, Angel Wallace

Board Members Absent: Andrew Denkinger, Darryl High, Joe Hrdlicka

Guests Present: None.

Public Present: None.

Staff Present: DCA Director Chris Kramer, Administrator David Schmitz, Arts in Community Development Program Manager Jon Berg, and Board Administrator Sarah Florian.

Call to Order

Determan called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Welcome

Determan welcomed board members to the meeting.

Roll Call

Florian called the roll and deemed a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Jackson moved to approve the December 2, 2022 Minutes. Wallace seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Chair

Review Board Term Expirations

Determan and Kramer reviewed board terms expiring on April 30, 2023, which included board members in attendance Fleener and Jackson. Determan also shared reappointments at this time. Kramer shared information about the new board appointments, Drew Denkinger and Sara Kurovski, and also noted information about the one remaining board opening. Kramer also shared gratitude to the board members, Fleener and Jackson, whose terms are expiring.

Upcoming Board Meeting

Determan reported the next board meeting will take place on May 3, 2023 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

DCA Director's Report

Kramer recapped how the government realignment bill impacts the Department of Cultural Affairs and the current status of the process. Kramer shared that the DCA presented to the House Economic Development Budget Subcommittee earlier this week and recapped the focus of that presentation. Additionally, Kramer shared that we recently hosted a reception for the opening of the renovated Iowa History Research Center. Kramer also provided a status update on the renovations of the State Historical Building, noting that the building is still being used by the public during this time. Kramer noted that March 1 marked the start of Iowa History Month. Kramer shared that 10 awardees received the 2023 Governor's Arts Awards at a ceremony on March 1, along with additional special recognitions. Kramer shared additional context about the awards and the focus of that event. Awardees were recognized in Lt. Governor Gregg's office as well

that day. Kramer shared upcoming summits and professional development including the Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting in Marshalltown and National History Day. Kramer shared additional details about the Preserve Iowa Summit and Fine Arts Education Summit in June 2023. Kramer asked for questions; none were asked.

Administrator Updates

Schmitz highlighted the Cultural Leadership Cohort and the most recent meeting in late February; the response to this program has been positive. Schmitz shared more information about the Poetry Out Loud program; the Iowa Arts Council hosted the state contest this past weekend and the winner from Waterloo West High School will be going to the national contest in Washington D.C. Schmitz shared from the department's film and media area an update on Greenlight Grants and an upcoming co-presented screening at FilmScene.

Schmitz noted that we have FY24 grants open now, which have a May 1 deadline. Schmitz encouraged those in attendance to share grants information with their networks and noted that there will be grant workshops coming up. Schmitz encouraged those with questions to reach out to staff.

Program Updates

Berg shared information about the Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting on April 10 in Marshalltown. In conjunction with this event, the Iowa Arts Council will host the first Meet the Artist event with this year's Iowa Artist Fellows. Berg will send more information, including registration information, to the Board following the meeting.

Berg noted that we have ten currently active Iowa Great Places projects. Berg is working to get status updates on all projects, including reimbursements, forecasting and any changes to any projects. The City of Grinnell has noted they will be returning funds for their project as they have run into significant challenges.

Berg noted that the focus of the May 3, 2023 board meeting will be reviewing new designations and reviewing feedback from site visits consisting of IGP board members and DCA staff. Iowa Great Places board members will review and score applications before that meeting. The board will then vote to designate at the May 3 meeting. Berg shared the importance of board involvement in this process.

Going into the fall, Berg shared information about the timeline for the FY24 grant funding. This process includes a pre-application, pre-application feedback from the board, full applications, staff and board site visits, and funding decisions and announcements. The timeline for this occurs from September through December 2023.

Board Discussion

Determan shared the process for the redesignation conversation this afternoon. Berg shared the following table of information and provided additional context at the start of board discussion. Discussion ensued about each applicant for redesignation.

Iowa Great Place	Applicant	City	County
Burlington	City of Burlington	Burlington	Des Moines
Coon Rapids	City of Coon Rapids	Coon Rapids	Carroll
Decorah	City of Decorah, Decorah Parks and Recreation	Decorah	Winneshiek
Dubuque	City of Dubuque	Dubuque	Dubuque
Forest City	City of Forest City	Forest City	Winnebago
Guttenberg	City of Guttenberg	Guttenberg	Clayton
Iowa City /Coralville/North Liberty	Think Iowa City	Coralville	Johnson
Marion	City of Marion	Marion	Linn
Van Buren County	Van Buren County Conservation	Keosauqua	Van Buren

Determan thanked the panel and staff for their work on this.

Motion #1: Burnett made a motion to redesignate Dubuque as an Iowa Great Place. Wallace seconded the motion. Hagerty and Rahe abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #2: Jackson made a motion to redesignate Coon Rapids as an Iowa Great Place. Rahe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3: Hagerty made a motion to redesignate Van Buren County as an Iowa Great Place. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #4: Rahe made a motion to redesignate Decorah as an Iowa Great Place. Burnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5: Hagerty made a motion to redesignate Marion as an Iowa Great Place. Rahe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #6: Jackson made a motion to redesignate Burlington as an Iowa Great Place. Wallace seconded the motion. McCoy abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #7: Rahe made a motion to redesignate Forest City as an Iowa Great Place. Hagerty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #8: McCoy motioned to have a discussion with Guttenberg for additional consideration. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #9: McCoy motioned to have a discussion with Iowa City/Coralville/North Liberty for additional consideration. Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Berg shared next steps for re-designations applicant notifications as well as new designation panel and site visits.

Public Comment

Determan asked for public comment. No members of the public were present to comment.

Burnett asked about legislation that would impact the Iowa Great Places program. Kramer shared that the program is included in the budget within economic development and RIFF. Kramer encouraged continued conversation with legislators. Determan shared experience communicating with legislators.

Berg thanked the board for their work. Determan echoed the gratitude for Jackson and Fleener's service to the board.

Adjournment

Determan adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.