

Iowa Great Places Citizen Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Helmick Conference Room
Iowa Economic Development Authority
1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50315

Board Members Present: In person: Andrew Denkinger and Barbara Determan. Electronically: Aaron Burnett, Darryl High, Danna Kehm, Sara Kurovski and Angel Wallace.

Board Member Absent: Duane Hagerty, Tammy McCoy and Jacque Rahe.

Staff Present: Jon Berg, Vicky Clinkscales, Mike Hogan, Rick Peterson, EJ Philby Burton and David Schmitz.

Guest(s) Present: Evan Johnson (LSA), Jace Mikels, and Nick Pfeiffer

Welcome

Schmitz started the meeting at 2:01 p.m. and facilitated brief introductions.

Report from IEDA

Rick Peterson shared progress with the State alignment and the Iowa Arts Council, SHPO and Produce Iowa transition to IEDA | IFA. The Bell Avenue entrance construction project is in progress.

Report from Iowa Arts Council Director

Schmitz provided updates on grants and program highlights. The May 1 round of FY2024 grants was announced. (Determan arrived at 4:30 in the recording.) Schmitz shared program highlights in creative industries/film and media, arts education, and the Iowa Cultural Leadership Cohort.

Roll Call

Berg called the roll.

Report from Chair

Determan expressed gratitude for the board and staff working through this transition. Rick Peterson shared an update on the recent Boards and Commissions report.

Report from Program Manager

Berg shared updates on continued technical assistance, the Destination Iowa project team, and a mentorship program for newly designated communities. Berg closed with expressing gratitude for the boards' efforts.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Board Discussion

Determan entertained a discussion on future board meetings. Discussion ensued. Determan determined the plan to not hold a December meeting with the option to hold a special meeting as needed. June 2023 meeting minutes will be approved at the first subsequent meeting with quorum.

Adjournment

Determan adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.