

ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016
DEXTER SENIOR CENTER – 7720 ANN ARBOR ST.

THE CITY OF DEXTER

Members present: Victoria Schon, Cheryl Willoughby, Tom Rosenbaum, Rich Bellas, Cristen Rinderknecht, Gini Davis, Phil Arbour, and Martha Gregg, and Donna Fisher.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

1. Committee Sharing

At the request of Chair Victoria Schon, Committee members shared with the rest of the Committee for what they are thankful.

2. Notes

Ms. Fisher stated that there may no longer be a Civil War celebration during the summer, there may be a railroad celebration instead. She also stated that the Committee should seek financing for the Katherine Dexter McCormick project. The Committee discussed options to finance the project.

The Committee discussed Roberts Rules of Order and its implementation for the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee. The Committee provided consensus that there would be a 15 – 30 minute training session on Roberts Rules of Order at the next meeting.

Fisher motion; Rinderknecht second to approve the notes of the January 5th meeting.

Motion Adopted Unanimously

3. Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

Victoria Schon presented information related to the 2016 Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival. Victoria indicated that there was a website meeting on Friday, January 29th with Spike Hanes and Justin Breyer. Ms. Shon indicated that three new ideas were discussed at the meeting – jurying in 25 artists into the professional category; allowing professional artists to submit one studio piece for sale; and hosting the quick draw in Mill Creek Park.

The Committee discussed putting out a call for host families and switching the event's official hotel to the Holiday Inn on Zeeb Rd. because of its proximity to Dexter.

Ms. Willoughby led discussion on the children's painting event. Because of the expense of the event, the Committee discussed if there would be something else that children would be able to instead of the more formal event. During last year's event, a number of children cancelled at the last minute and the event had a large expense associated with that. Ms. Fisher indicated that she would contact Larry Wortella, a local art teacher.

Ms. Shon indicated that the Committee should extend hours on Friday based on the evening attendance at the 2015 Festival.

Ms. Shon indicated that it may make sense to create volunteer e-mail list. Potential sources of volunteers include the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and SRSLY.

Peggi Kroll Roberts will be teaching a class the week before the festival. The cost for attendance is \$400 per person for event. Ms. Roberts is charging the City \$1,000 per day. The Committee discussed having someone teach multiple classes throughout the year.

4. ACH Initiatives

None

5. Sub Committee Reports

- Historic Sign Map – The Committee discussed applying 2016 CTAP Grant money to historic signage in combination with other signage throughout the City.
- Katherine Dexter McCormick Project – Cheryl Willoughby stated that the project would require \$25,000 to fund the entire project. She indicated that the project has momentum as the project team has been brought together. There could be a first reading in June, but that funding is required.

6. Tourism

Mr. Breyer indicated that the Visitors Guide was complete and was being printed. He should have copies to distribute at the next meeting.

7. Public Art Plan

The Committee reviewed the Arts, Culture and Heritage Master Plan as included in the packet. The Committee discussed and recommended changes to the document, which will be reviewed further at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm