

Cultural Commission Minutes: August 9, 2018

Call to Order: Commission Chair Kellie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:32 am

Roll Call: Julia Cozad-Callighan, Jamie Mathy, Jeff Crabill, Scott Koets, Kellie Williams, Angelique Racki (7:35am), Carole Ringer (7:40am)

Staff Attendance: Eric Veal, James Mack, Ann-Marie Dittmann, Cara Peterson, Samantha Stills

Minutes Approval: Minutes of July 26, 2018 meeting approved as submitted; 1st Jamie Mathy, 2nd Scott Koets

Staff Reports:

Eric: Steve Rasmussen would like a consensus of what zoning maps the Cultural Commission is needing specifically so that staff can have them made. Staff will provide maps as to what is defined as the downtown core.

Ann-Marie: Season announcement for Arts Partners was on July 31st. The Bloomington Center for the Performing Arts 2018- 2019 season was announced to all who attended. There are handouts for anyone who was not able to attend.

Kellie: Introduced Cara Peterson, BCPA Development Director.

Cara: Introduced herself stating she recently got back from the Ukraine where she worked as a youth developer for 2 years. She stated she has a bachelors in microbiology. Her first goal is to get the Creativity Center up and flourishing.

Old Business:

Review and discussion of Cultural District defining boundary lines and borders.

Goal: Narrow down from the three maps to decide what the core Cultural District area should be.

Discussion

- Three potential options; a large, medium and small. Pros and Cons were discussed with each of the three district borders.
- Walkability; variety of programming; cost efficiency, offering a variety of ongoing cultural experiences were brought into discussion.
- Discussion on the benefit of starting small adding businesses and areas to the district further down the road.
- Discussion around using a bigger overlay, that is less confining and allows more options
- Border lines will include both sides of border streets

Vote

To exclude the smallest map option and only move forward discussing the medium and large options.

Motion: Scott Koets, 2nd Jamie Mathy

Next Meeting – August 23

- Review the options discussed today with boundary lines with goal to vote on downtown Cultural District recommendation
- Maps of multiple options will be available for next meeting

Motion to adjourn: Carole Ringer, 2nd Jeff Crabill

Next meeting: August 23rd at 7:30 am