Cultural Commission

Minutes March 10, 2016

In attendance: Vicki Tilton, Jamie Mathy, Roger Elliott, Mike Kerber, Carole Ringer, Sherry Galbreath, Matt Giordono, Angelique Racki, Ryan Huette, Jessielee Hinshaw, Tina Salamone, Ann-Marie Dittmann, Eric Veal.

The Meeting was called to order by Vicki Tilton at 7:30 am.

Business:

Tina Salamone shared an email from Kiasha Henry has resigned from the Cultural Commission due to the scope of her duties as a newly elected School Board Member.

There was no public comment at this meeting. And the minutes of the last meeting were unavailable due to the absence of Brandy Maloney.

Eric Veal mentioned that the contract between CIAM has declined to negotiate a new contract with the City of Bloomington regarding the Coliseum. The contract ends on April 1, 2016. He had no further information on what was happening with the Coliseum side of the space that includes the Pepsi Ice Center, which the City of Bloomington runs as part of the Parks, Rec and Cultural Arts Dept.

Tina Salamone is currently finalizing bookings for the upcoming season. She invited members of the committee to email her ideas about programs they would like to see presented at the BCPA.

Ann-Marie Dittmann and Tricia Stiller have been appointed co-chairs of the BCPA 10th Anniversary Committee. The 10th Anniversary activities will begin on Friday, Sept 16, 2016 and take place that weekend and during the following week.

In the 10th Anniversary season Tina will be focusing on booking bigger, more recognizable performers.

The Walk-in/Bike-out group will be having a check presentation on March 16. The check will be presented by Bike BloNo. The Walk-in/ Bike-out give away will take place on April 23.

Ann-Marie Dittmann spoke about Outreach Activities with Nik West at the Regional Alternative School and Western Avenue Community Center. She also outlined the Outreach activities connected to the Wellington International Ukulele Orchestra, including the SOAR class that learned to play the Ukulele in order to participate in the performance and preshow activities including informational posters, a ukulele petting zoo and pre-show performance by the SOARing Ukes.

Ryan Huette, mentioned that the Beerfest was coming up soon and Tina indicated that she is just waiting for the final headliner confirmation before releasing the musical line up for the event. Beerfest will take place on Friday, June 17 beginning at 6 PM and Saturday, June 18 beginning at 4 PM. Friends of the BCPA are encouraged to help out manning one of the Pouring Stations.

Matt Giordono – reported on the progress of the Friends of the BCPA. He has recently taken a tour of the Creativity Center and seen the plans for the building. He has been researching arts spaces in similar communities including Covington, KY and Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Tina Salamone added that Todd Koeppl from Chicago Spotlight has been consulting on some lighting and outdoor lighting/marketing ideas for both the BCPA and Creativity Center buildings.

April 13 is Downtown Bloomington Trivia Night at the Eagles Aerie. It is also the evening of *Million Dollar Quartet* at the BCPA.

Central Illinois Curing Club will be having three sessions at the Pepsi Ice Center beginning on Saturday, March 26.

Business was concluded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30am.