

**STOUGHTON ARTS COUNCIL BOARD
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
August 13, 2014, 10:00am
Hall of Fame Room, City Hall**

P= Present, A= Absent, X= Excused

Amy Kittleson <u> X </u>	Mary-Carel Verden <u> P </u>
Deborah Bicksler <u> A </u>	Stephen Lawrence <u> A </u>
Amy Johanning <u> X </u>	Sherry Johnson <u> A </u>
Coleen Kehl <u> X </u>	
John Beutel <u> P </u>	Amy McFarland <u> A </u>
Kathryn Jones <u> X </u>	Bill Howard <u> A </u>
Laura Trotter <u> P </u>	Marlene Widra <u> P </u>

**Mayor Appointee Bill Brehm or Christina Dollhausen: Christina and Bill present
Also in Attendance:**

Meeting Chairperson – Mary-Carel Verden

1) Call to Order at 10:15 by Verden (lacking a quorum)

2) Preview Arts & Entertainment Designation Draft - The group looked at the map of proposed area and suggested some additions and changes. The proposal was reviewed with positive feedback, no action taken, due to lack of quorum. Verden will make suggested changes to map and draft.

3) Website- Still looking for someone to take on the website project.

4) “Art in the Community Award” - Trotter reported about the nomination process. Bill Brehm was suggested, but Trotter found that the nomination process excludes event administrators. It was tabled for future.

4) General Discussion -

* Widra suggested the Stoughton Arts Council become members of the Arts Wisconsin. It will avail us of many arts related services. Widra and Beutel offered to donate the membership fee for the first year.

* Brehm suggested a multi-media presentation when approaching city about Arts Designation. He also brought up many research needs before we approach the city - like what does it mean if there is an overlap between historic districts and arts district?

* Beutel suggested we connect with Landmarks Commission and the River Task Force and city staff. Brehm will look into getting on those groups agendas as discussion items.

* Sue Albright and John Morgan were suggested as members of the Arts Council - Verden will approach Albright and Widra will approach Morgan.

5) Future agenda items

Next meeting will be Monday, September 15 at 6:30pm - Location TBD

Agenda items - Call to order, Review Minutes, Review of Arts & Entertainment Designation Draft, Update on other city groups, website, General Discussion, Future Agenda Items, Adjournment

6) Adjournment - Beutel moved to adjourn, and Verden approved at 11:22am