

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION ON THE ARTS**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue**  
**Monday, May 1, 2017**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Steve Sullivan. Members present were Deanne Brill and Tom Lockhart. Jon Foley and Jason Paull were not present.

**Public Forum**

No one was present for public forum.

**Approval of April 2, 2017 Minutes**

Moved by Tom, seconded by Deanne, to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Fall Special Project Grant Application Workshop**

Ames Community Arts Council – The organization representatives presented a Contra Dance Partnership. There has been interest in broadening the barn dance program in the area. It was indicated the program will take place once per month. At Steve's inquiry, it was reported the age of participants tend to be towards the older end of the spectrum. However, in collaboration with ISU, there has been an infusion of college- and high school-aged participants. The program will be different from other groups by having an ambassador to reach out to high school and college participants.

Co'Motion Dance Theater – The organization representative indicated the event will involve a gathering of broad perspectives of dance disciplines in a showcase. A shared group warmup will take place, as well as small mixed groups of dancers, and then a performance. This activity will take place at the City Auditorium.

Steve reviewed the process for the Commission to decide how much funding each proposal should receive.

**Discussion of Annual Application and Reporting Materials**

Steve summarized the modifications that have been made to the special project grant application materials and explained how that related to the annual grant process. Steve and Jason will forward their changed sections to Brian and Cathy for consolidation into a draft form that can be reviewed at the next COTA meeting.

**Approval of July-December 2017 Calendar**

It was moved by Tom, seconded by Deanne, to postpone the July 3 meeting to July 10. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tom, seconded by Deanne, to approve the calendar, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Steve moved the meeting be adjourned. Deanne seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.