

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 R 10

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE HUTCHINSON/RENO COUNTY ARTS AND HUMANITIES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the understanding of and appreciation for the arts and humanities can transform positively the way people see themselves and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas, finds that it is in the public interest to establish the Hutchinson/Reno County Arts and Humanities Council; and

WHEREAS, this Council will, in partnership with the community, cultivate and support excellence in the arts and humanities, expand access to cultural expression, and contribute to the economic vitality in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HUTCHINSON, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT. The Hutchinson/Reno County Arts and Humanities Council (HRAH) is hereby established for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. The purpose of the Hutchinson/Reno County Arts and Humanities Council is to provide leadership that sustains arts and humanities organizations, artists and scholars, and inspires participation in our community's rich cultural assets by building community, developing strategic partnerships including multiple generations, promoting public spaces and quality of life factors, celebrating and engaging cultural diversity, enhancing infrastructure, advocating lifelong learning and thoughtful dialogue about all facets of human life, promoting cultural tourism, and providing an ongoing vision for the future.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP. The HRAH shall consist of seven (7) members who have shown a significant commitment to the arts and humanities, but are not current members of any existing art or humanities agency board of directors. Five (5) members residing within the city limits of Hutchinson will be appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Hutchinson. Two (2) members residing within other portions of Reno County will be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners of Reno County, Kansas (County). Terms shall be three (3) years and shall be limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. Each member shall be appointed to a term of three (3) years except, of those first appointed, three (3) shall serve a one (1) year term, two (2) shall serve a two (2) year term and two (2) shall serve a three (3) year term.

SECTION 4. ORGANIZATION. The HRAH shall develop and adopt a mission statement, bylaws, and procedures. Officers will be selected annually in accordance with the bylaws.

SECTION 5. ACTIVITIES. The HRAH responsibilities include, but shall not be limited to:

- a. Holding regular public meetings and maintaining a written record of its proceedings;
- b. Conducting an annual review of the financial needs of the programs for the development of the fine and performing arts, the humanities, and other related

cultural activities, and timely submission of budget requests as determined by the City of Hutchinson and Reno County, along with recommendations for public expenditures in support of such programs;

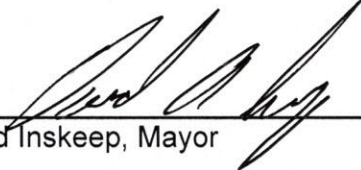
- c. Applying for, soliciting and accepting grants, gifts, and donations of money, property, or personal services from individuals, groups and organizations, including any agency of government, for purposes consistent with its objectives, and expenditure of such funds consistent with restrictions imposed by the Grantor or the Governing Body;
- d. Coordinating local fundraising efforts and providing training and assistance to local organizations in grant writing and other fundraising techniques;
- e. Initiating, sponsoring and conducting, individually or in cooperation with other public or private agencies, public programs to further the development and public awareness of, and interest in the fine and performing arts, the humanities and other cultural activities;
- f. Assisting the City and County in connection with such other artistic and cultural activities as may be referred to it by the City and County;
- g. Coordinating community arts and humanities activities;
- h. Stimulating multi-cultural arts and activities, such as festivals and educational programs, which preserve the historical and cultural traditions in Hutchinson and Reno County;
- i. Stimulating the literary arts;
- j. Acting as a clearinghouse for promotion and/or scheduling exhibits, concerts, recitals, lectures and other cultural events which occur in the community, such as by production and dissemination of a community arts and humanities calendar, and other like public relations efforts;
- k. Stimulating, facilitating, coordinating and cooperating with existing organizations to develop the cultural and arts traditions of the City and County and to initiate programs and proposals of encouragement for promotion and development of the arts, culture, humanities, ethnic diversity and traditions of the City and County;
- l. Facilitating more efficient use of existing public buildings in conjunction with arts, humanities and cultural activities;
- m. Developing, implementing and regularly updating a Program Plan, wherein such Program Plan will form a bridge between the arts and humanities world and all sectors of the community and the county; and
- n. Engaging in such other or additional activities as are necessary to carry out any responsibility expressly delegated to the HRAH by this Resolution.

The responsibilities of the HRAH are programmatic and functional in nature; it shall not engage in any study of the need for new facilities within the community or the alteration or improvement of existing facilities, or make recommendations with respect to such issues, except at the invitation of the Governing Body.

SECTION 6. Resolution Nos. 2561 and 2765 are hereby repealed; and this Resolution shall supersede any other Resolution conflicting with the provisions stated above.


SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY this 18th day of June, 2019.



David Inskeep, Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen Weltmer, City Clerk