

TO: Rock Island City Council Members

SUBJECT: Arts Advisory Committee Appointments

DATE: 05/28/15

The following are recommended for reappointment / appointment to the Arts Advisory Committee:

Re-appoint:

Bret Hitchcock – reappoint to a three year term to expire June 30, 2018

Jodie Kavensky - reappoint to a three year term to expire June 30, 2018

Carolyn Krueger - reappoint to a three year term to expire June 30, 2018

Appoint:

Alex McFarland – appoint to a three year term to expire June 30, 2018

Alex grew up in the Broadway Historic District in Rock Island and began the Suzuki piano method at the age of four. Along the way, he picked up the tenor saxophone in grade school and played both personally and professionally in a number of small jazz combos, the Bix Beiderbeck Memorial Youth Jazz Band, RIHS Jazz Band, the Pit Orchestra, and then Marching Band and Symphonic Band while attending both Rocky and SIUC. He earned his B.A. of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois focusing on Recording Engineering and Sound Design and minored in Philosophy. He currently draws and paints for himself, but thoroughly enjoys the entire fine arts community we have. He also currently plays guitar in a metal band and plays saxophone in a soul/funk band. By day, he works as an Account Manager handling Lee Enterprises' digital and print advertisers throughout Lee's markets including the QC Times. He looks forward to continuing to inspire others to never give up on their dreams and to pursue the arts in any form.

Tony Seabolt – appoint to a three year term to expire June 30, 2018

Tony is a Rock Island native. He was inspired to become an artist at the age of 7 by his Uncle, Homer Holmes also a Rock Island artist. Early on, he understudied with a Moline impressionist painter, and apprenticed with Jack Eslinger of Coal Valley. He did graphic design for local punk and metal bands in the 1980's. He studied drawing, pastels and calligraphy at Black Hawk College. Tony also worked at Isabel Bloom as a caster, finisher, and repairer. Some of his other occupations included interior design, and 12 years as a chef trained in French, German, Italian, and Cajun cuisine. Recently Tony worked with Food Network designer, Cheryl Torrenova on the set of "Restaurant, Impossible" which was filmed at Goombazz's Big City Eats in Rock Island. He was tasked with completing a set of 7 paintings in 15 hours for installation in the restaurant as part of the remodel. Currently Tony operates "Tony Seabolt Art & Design Studio" out of his home, working in acrylics, and creating both abstract and realism pieces. His works are in residential, commercial and museum collections which are displayed throughout the United States and internationally. He is also the Midcoast Manager at the Bucktown Center for the Arts in Davenport, Iowa.

Recommendation: Recommend that the appointments / reappointments be approved as listed for the terms as indicated.

Submitted by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor

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Approved by: Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor