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Memo

City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Sheila Lundt, Assistant City Manager *Sheila*
DATE: October 19, 2007
SUBJECT: COTA Mini-Grant to Story Theater Company

As the attached letter from Lisa Gundersen explains, for a number of reasons, Story Theater Company would request two amendments to its Fall 2007 Mini-Grant contract with the City. First, it is requested that the contract be amended to extend to June 30, 2008. This will allow for the production to be rescheduled to February and March of 2008.

Second, the production itself, would be revised from "Alice in Wonderland," to "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe." It is felt that this will be better received by the community.

The Commission on the Arts (COTA) approved this request on September 10, 2007, and it is now being presented for Council approval. This will have no budget impact, since the amount and fiscal year are unchanged.

September 4, 2007

Lisa Gundersen
Story Theater Company
717 Wilder Boulevard
Ames, IA 50014

Sheila Lundt, Assistant City Manager
City of Ames
515 Clark Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

RE: COTA Mini-Grant to Story Theater Company, June 2007

Dear Ms. Lundt,

Earlier this summer, our company was the grateful recipient of a COTA mini-grant for our planned fall production of *Alice in Wonderland* at the Ames City Auditorium. Shortly after the award was made, I was diagnosed with a serious thyroid condition that has required several rounds of treatment over the past two months. I am now healthy and wish to request that we be allowed to move our project forward by approximately five months. Specifically, we have spoken with Mike King about using the City Auditorium for the production on February 29 – March 2 and March 7 – 9, 2008.

We would also like to change the production itself, from *Alice in Wonderland* to *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, which we believe will be better received by the community. We have been granted a performance license from Dramatic Publishing Company for this title.

All other information provided in our COTA mini-grant application remains the same. Please feel free to contact me at (515) 292-8530 or lcgunder@iastate.edu if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Gundersen, President

cc: COMMISSION ON THE ARTS

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September 10, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Chair Fred Lewis. Members present were Joel Jacobsen, Mike Gowdy, Andi Smith, and Christopher Sutch.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved Jacobson, and seconded by Smith to approve the minutes for August 6, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum

There were no items under the public forum.

Amendment to City Contract with Story Theater Company

Lisa Gundersen, with Story Theater Company, explained the need to amend the Company's contract to the Spring granting period, and change the title. It was moved by Smith and seconded by Gowdy to amend the contract with Story Theater Company to provide for a June 30, 2008 completion date and revise the title of the performance. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Staff reviewed the application forms for the Annual Grants and Mini-grants. Deadlines, hearing times and criteria were particularly noted. The payment request form was also reviewed, along with the deadlines for submitting final reports and payment requests.

The Commission will next meet on October 8, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. It was a consensus that Andi Smith serve as Vice-Chair should Chair Lewis be absent from a meeting.

Adjournment

The Commission adjourned at 5:45 p.m.