

This is a copy of an email that was sent out by the DCCA to the Dane County Comprehensive Plan Agricultural, Cultural, and Natural Resources (ANCR) Work Group and the Housing and Economic Development (HED) Work Group on December 3rd, 2003. Its contents pertain to the ANCR and HED upcoming joint meeting on December 10th, 2003.

TO: Housing and Economic Development Work Group and Agriculture, Natural and Cultural Resources Work Group
FROM: Barry Robinson, Chair, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission
DATE: December 3, 2003

In the attachments below, you will find several summaries on the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, an agency of Dane County government since 1977. The commission, governed by a board of eleven members--eight citizens and three county board supervisors--and administered by a one-person staff, is an active and highly regarded program with a primary focus on grantmaking. Through a unique combination of public and private funding, the commission awards over 125 grants annually to nonprofit groups, municipalities, school districts, and individuals for community arts and local history initiatives. In addition, the agency provides information and referral services to the general public and produces several publications including the annual art posters and desk calendars which have become the commission's signature products and enormously popular community traditions.

On behalf of our members, I would respectfully urge you to refer the matter of arts planning to the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission for review and consideration. It would appear that the commission is an appropriate county entity to help determine the value, timeliness, and financial feasibility of such an undertaking and assignment of resources. Because I have a conflicting professional commitment at the same time, I am sharing this information with you in advance of your joint meeting on December 10th.

Documents Included in Email

- Dane County Cultural Affairs (DCCA) Commission Information
www.daneplan.org/pdf/updates/jointmeeting/20031210_DCCA_commission.pdf
- A Quick Look at the DCCA Commission
www.daneplan.org/pdf/updates/jointmeeting/20031210_DCCA_summary.pdf
- DCCA Commission 2003 Program Grants
www.daneplan.org/pdf/updates/jointmeeting/20031210_DCCA_grantssummary.pdf
- Recent Editorial Comments about the DCCA Commission
www.daneplan.org/pdf/updates/jointmeeting/20031210_DCCA_editorialcomments.pdf
- List of Awards given to the DCCA Commission
www.daneplan.org/pdf/updates/jointmeeting/20031210_DCCA_awards.pdf