

# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Monday, May 13, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

## **Arts & Culture Commission**

## CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order by Chair Granquist at 6:03 p.m.*

**Present:** 7 - Chair Paula Granquist, Vice Chair Martha Anderson, Commissioner Leah Rich, Commissioner Kate Woodstrup, Commissioner Carsten Walter, Commissioner Genevieve Tassava and Commissioner Michael Johnson

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Anna Lisa Rustad, Commissioner Cecilia Barojas Velezquez and Commissioner Jade Dorantes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison) and Becky Novotny (Clerical Liaison)

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to approve the agenda for the May 13, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Walter, Commissioner Tassava and Commissioner Johnson

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**A motion was made by Commissioner Woodstrup, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Walter, Commissioner Tassava and Commissioner Johnson

1. Approval of April 8, 2024 Arts & Culture Committee Draft Minutes

**Attachments:** [ACC Minutes April 8, 2024 DRAFT](#)

## PRESENTATIONS

*There were no presentations.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

*There was no public comment.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

2. Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for Bridge Square Public Art Integration.

*The ACC approved the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for Bridge Square Public Art Integration of Martha Anderson (ACC), Michael Johnson (ACC and Arts Guild), Dave Bennett (City of Northfield), Claudia Garcia (City of Northfield), Jennifer Tonko (Clean River Partners), and Sean Allen (Heritage Preservation*

*Commission and Northfield Historical Society).*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to approve the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for the Bridge Square Public Art Integration. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Walter, Commissioner Tassava and Commissioner Johnson

**3. Recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for 2024-2027 Poet Laureate Appointment.**

*The ACC affirmed the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for the 2024-2027 Poet Laureate Appointment. For those wishing to connect with the Poet Laureate, Russ Boyington (who writes under the name Russ Paladin), they can contact the library, either Tyler Gardner or Natalie Draper, and they can reach out to him on your behalf.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to approve the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for the 2024-2027 Poet Laureate. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Walter, Commissioner Tassava and Commissioner Johnson

**4. Strategies to Address and Curtail Graffiti.**

*Draper asked for a discussion on ideas to curtail graffiti. A discussion was had by the commission.*

## STAFF UPDATES

**5. Staff Report on Public Art and Creative Placemaking.**

**Attachments:** [Staff report](#)

[2024-05 Northfield Poetry Newsletter May 2024.docx](#)

*Draper said that the Culture Crew will be changing the movie nights that have been at The Grand to the third Monday of the month. The June movie will be Young Frankenstein. Johnson said the Culture Crew will hold a virtual training on storytelling with people from The Moth on Thursday, July 11 at 6 p.m.*

*Granquist said on May 16 at 6 p.m. will be the Bridge Square Artists on Main Street presentation during the Third Thursdays Downtown event. Also, on May 16 at 7 p.m. The Northfield Public Library will host the Poets of the Northfield Public Library as they launch their new book of poems.*

*Granquist recognized student members Tassava and Walter as they graduate and will be leaving the commission.*

*Woodstrup said there is home school art displayed upstairs in City Hall. There is an opening from June until September for students or community members to display their art upstairs in City Hall. Those interested in having art displayed can contact Woodstrup. Johnson said the high school honors art show is going up at the Arts Guild and will be on display for a month. There is an open call for art that fits in a box 12 inches by 12 inches, 2-D and 3-D art. For a \$30 donation to the Arts Guild this art can be purchased*

*starting June 13.*

## **BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m . The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Walter, Commissioner Tassava and Commissioner Johnson