



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** October 9, 2017 **Location:**

Northfield Public Library meeting room.

Scheduled start time: 4:30 p.m. **Scheduled adjourn time:** 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Bonnie Jean Flom (Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby, Kent McWilliams [Regular Appointees].

Members absent: Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Jill Ewald, Cynthia Gilbertson [Regular Appointees], Danny Allin, Ann Beimers, Jariya Goerwitz, Hannah Singh [Youth Representatives].

Others present: Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:35 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Approved as written.	Motion: Vick Second: Granquist Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of Sept. 11, 2017	Approved as written.	Motion: Granquist Second by: Melby Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Hauk reported on the first annual Portfolio Day held in Northfield recently, where adult artisans mentored emerging high school student artists and discussed the students' own work. The event was a local version of regional and national portfolio days and was very successful.	
ArtsLab Peer Learning Community Cohort Report	Hauk reported on the first gathering of the ArtsLab Peer Learning cohorts held near Annandale, with groups from numerous localities being represented. The theme of the retreat was "Who Is Our Community?" Participants have been asked to compose a characterization of their communities. Northfield's Cohort team has been invited to be the first group to make a presentation. Topics for this and future sessions include leveraging creativity in the community; social shifts in communities; where are we now, and where do we want to go? One possible outcome of the process is that it may enable the ACC to create a cultural plan for Northfield without having to hire a consultant to implement the process, although that is speculative at this point. The next retreat is in November.	
ACC Goals 2017-18	Goals under consideration from the ACC annual summer retreat include (but are not limited to): Establish of a "1% for the arts" ordinance for city construction loans, which is already a part of the city's strategic plan; develop a cultural plan for the city; interface effectively with the city's strategic plan; seek solutions for a comprehensive and publicly accessible Arts and Culture community calendar; and move forward with Arts Corridor planning. There was discussion of each item to familiarize commissioners with the background. Thomas explained the difference between the city's Comprehensive Plan and the Strategic Plan. Staff Liason Teresa Jensen also offered her perspective on the Strategic Planning process and where the ACC's work is woven into the plan. Commissioners also discussed other planning documents that the city has developed in the past decade and how the city is using them. This discussion regarding ACC Goals will continue next meeting.	
	Updates	
Poet Laureate - Hardy	Hardy was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a written report. September's major poetry event was the first Northfield Poetry Festival,	

	which took place at three venues: Content Bookstore, the Public Library and Imminent Brewery. Total attendance was 144 people at the events which featured local adult poets, youth poets and beer poetry. Carolyn Link, Brad Ness and Henry Dhonau were prize-winners for their poetic presentations. Hardy also organized a reading and discussion on women and minority writers in the Public Library collection.	
Sidewalk Poetry	Flom reported on the new Poetry Snapcodes (a feature of Snapchat), that will be listed on the new poetry map, which you can point to with a phone and it will bring up information about the poetry (and possibly an audio reading of the poem). Flom recognized Sean Simonson of the City Engineering Office for issuing a press release to local media outlets. Also, Rush assisted Flom and together they got next year's Sidewalk Poetry grant application submitted to SEMAC.	
Arts Corridor	Flom reported that she and Jensen will be co-chairing the ACC committee on the Arts Corridor. The committee is to be fully formed soon.	
Art In City Hall	Rush reported two artists have submitted work for the coming show, which will be on display through May 1. More submissions are expected.	
Living Treasure Award	Vick has volunteered to help Flom with administrative work on the Award. The presentation is tentatively set for Monday, Jan. 22. The press release is out. The deadline for submission of nominations is Nov. 14.	
NDDC's Arts Visioning	The NDDC is working on a Powerpoint show on the "First Friday" concept, with a subgroup themed "Vision Into Action."	
The Northfield Experience	McWilliams explained some of the planning for the Stephan Koplowitz "happening" next spring. They are looking for funding. Koplowitz was in town recently to tour the town and give a talk. His ideas are getting more concrete with respect to specific plans for events at nine locations including The Grand, the Arts Guild, the Library and other locations around town. Artistic elements are being created for the various sites, but marketing tools for the event have yet to be developed.	
Other		
Hauck	The State Of The Arts – would like to have another event in November or as soon as possible.	
Hauck	The Young Sculptors project is up and running at the High School. Quinn Batten, a fifth-year Educational Associate in Carleton's art department, is the mentor. Students are enthusiastically meeting and beginning to work on ideas for the sculpture.	
Adjournment		
Adjournment	Time: 5:56 p.m.	Motion: McWilliams Second: Hauck Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.