



## Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

**Meeting:** Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** February 13, 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), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), David Carter, Jill Ewald, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby [Regular Appointees].

**Members absent:** Cynthia Gilbertson [Regular Appointee], Olivia Archambault, Jariya Goerwitz, Danny Allin [Youth Representatives].

**Others present:** Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate).

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:32 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.	Motion: Vick Second: Carter Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of January 12, 2016	Approved as written.	Motion: Carter Second by: Ewald Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom noted that Hardy's poem for Living Treasure Judy Swanson's award ceremony was extremely meaningful. She also thanked to Vick and the Northfield Arts Guild for helping distribute Poetry Contest posters to downtown businesses. The student representatives could not attend today's meeting because they are performing in the Rock and Roll Revival at the High School.	
	<b>Updates</b>	
Poet Laureate	Hardy reported that January was a busy month. Feedback from the Living Treasure ceremony was positive. The Sidewalk Poetry kickoff was also a successful event. Another poetry reading at Content Book Store went well. Hardy is now planning for a poetry club at Greenvale Park School, and his poetry book will be published in the next month. He will attend a poetry fair in Rosemount in April and he has been asked to do a reading at St. John's Lutheran Church. Poem in Your Pocket Day is coming up on April 27. He is interested in having some Spanish-language poems with translations as sidewalk poems. Hardy is looking for ways to make Poetry Night a more diverse community event including various demographic groups.	
Living Treasure Award Ceremony	Flom thanked ACC commissioners for their efforts in making the Award Ceremony a success. Thanks also to Rob Schanilec for the printed programs which he donated. Flom read a note from Judy Swanson thanking us for the award and offering to participate as a volunteer for the next year. Gleason thanked Flom for the work and leadership she invested in making the event the success that it was. Grand Event Center proprietor Chuck Pryor even made chocolate chip cookies for the audience members.	
Sidewalk Poetry	We now have a Sidewalk Poetry page on Facebook, thanks to a cooperative effort between Hardy and Flom. Flom agrees we should welcome submissions next year in both English and other languages. She and Hardy will continue to work toward that goal.	
Stephan Koplowitz – "The Northfield Experience"	Ewald reported Koplowitz will be speaking to City Council Feb. 21.	

Art In City Hall	Ewald reported that the next Art In City Hall show will be themed “Outdoors” and will be on display April through October. Hauck said the next show of student art in City Hall will feature artistic digital renditions of downtown Northfield storefronts.	
<b>Public Art Policy/Cultural Planning</b>		
Public Art Policy Committee	The Public Art Policy Committee will be meeting tomorrow, so no report today. They have been making progress and hope to have a draft of a policy done in the near future. Gleason suggested we could aim to have a presentation on the Public Art Policy ready for presentation to the Council in the spring. Ideally, Council would then have an opportunity to discuss it. Staff Liaison Teresa Jensen will represent the ACC in coordinating the scheduling of a presentation to Council with City Administrator Ben Martig.	
<b>Other</b>		
Preliminary Inquiry About Engaging An Arts Planning Consultant	Hauck contacted Sharon Rodning Bash of ArtsLab, a project of Arts Midwest (a 9-state arts advocacy organization). Hauck is investigating the process of inviting Bash to visit Northfield to facilitate arts planning. Bash told Hauck that Northfield is considered an “anchor city” for the arts in Minnesota and could provide an example of what arts development in a city could look like. Bash could consider consulting with Northfield, and initiating public meetings, retreats, and activities around cultural planning and strengthening capacities of arts organizations. Questions for discussion could include a vision of arts development for Northfield. Right now, we can work from Melby’s notes from the State of The Arts meeting in November to begin to formulate the four questions we would need to articulate before meeting with Bash, which would revolve around the larger central question “What is our vision for the arts for the people who live here and visit?”	
<b>Adjournment</b>		
Adjournment	Time: 5:39 p.m.	Motion: Ewald Second: Gleason Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.