



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final Arts & Culture Commission

Monday, November 13, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Granquist at 6:02 pm.

Present: 10 - Paula Granquist, Martha Anderson, Leah Rich, Kate Woodstrup, Anna Lisa Rustad, George Brophy, Carsten Walter, Genevieve Tassava, Cecilia Barojas Velezquez and Jade Dorantes

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush Vizina (Clerical Liaison), and Becky Novotny (Library Staff).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Brophy, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agenda for the November 13, 2023 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Granquist, Anderson, Rich, Woodstrup, Rustad, Brophy, Walter, Tassava, Barojas Velezquez and Dorantes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Woodstrup, seconded by Rich, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Granquist, Anderson, Rich, Woodstrup, Rustad, Brophy, Walter, Tassava, Barojas Velezquez and Dorantes

1. Arts and Culture Commission Draft Minutes October 9th, 2023

Attachments: [ACC October 8 2023 Minutes Draft](#)

PRESENTATIONS

There was no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discuss Art in City Hall.

The Arts Guild is interested in working in partnership with the ACC for future Art at City Hall exhibits. Moving forward they would be taking on this gallery space, prioritizing under served groups. Draper will work with the commissioners in preparing the MOU

(memorandum of understanding) with the Arts Guild.

3. Discuss Public Art Planning Process.

Attachments: [public art program elements](#)
[forecast triggers for public art](#)

A subcommittee made up of ACC members started working on a 5 to 10 year Public Art Plan. Included in the packet was a list of suggested components/goals of a plan. Draper asked for Commissioners to commit to taking photos of 1-3 of public locations for Public art/placemaking and sending the pictures to her before the December meeting.

4. Percent for the Arts Funding Match for Mural.

Attachments: [Angelica with the Oasis sign](#)
[first Oasis Patron check out](#)
[mural wall](#)

Draper would like to use \$5,000 of the 1% for the arts dollars to partially fund a mural that would go in the library's new space at the NCRC "The Oasis". Friends of the library has designated funds for art in the space and the library has applied for a SEMAC grant to also contribute \$5,000. The artist chosen is Paula Rojas and the mural would be a colorful depiction of rural landscapes of Central and South America.

A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Rustad, to approve the Motion to use 1% dollars to partially fund a mural to be placed in the Northfield Library Oasis. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 10 - Granquist, Anderson, Rich, Woodstrup, Rustad, Brophy, Walter, Tassava, Barojas Velezquez and Dorantes

STAFF UPDATES

5. Staff Report on Public Art and Creative Placemaking.

Attachments: [Staff report](#)
[comp plan 2](#)
[city hall exhibit](#)
[comp plan kickoff](#)

Walter and Tassava left at 6:51.

Wandering House placards are almost ready to post in parks and public spaces in Northfield. Videos of the eight projects from Artists on Main Street are being released on NPB. Living treasure nomination forms are open to accept nominations until November 20th.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Anderson reported on the HPC recent meeting and that they discussed the Archer House final plans. Granquist reported on the Planning Commission and they are looking at a night sky ordinance. Also a tree and wildlife planting initiative from the EQC.

City Board and Commissions Holiday Social is Dec. 12th at Reunion.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rustad, seconded by Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Granquist, Anderson, Rich, Woodstrup, Rustad, Brophy, Barojas Velezquez and Dorantes

Not Present: 2 - Walter and Tassava