



Arts and Culture Commission

MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Feb. 11, 2019 **Location:** Northfield Public Library meeting room.

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

Members present: Arnab Chakladar, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair)

Members absent: Harper Bechtel (youth), Ann Beimers (youth), Jill Ewald, Mark Gleason, Heather Lawrenz, Hannah Singh (youth), Robby Swenson (youth).

Others present: Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Brad Ness (Council Member), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush-Vizina (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas

Call to Order at 4:36 p.m. by Alyssa Herzog-Melby, Chair

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda	Motion: Flom
	Second: Hauck
	Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Jan. 14, 2019

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of Jan. 14, 2019.	Motion: Flom
	Second: Chakladar
	Approved unanimously.

Poet Laureate Report

Christopher Bakken visited Northfield during a snowstorm for events at Carleton and Content.

Writer's Night deadline is this Friday (2/15). The theme is Resilience and Sustainability.

Feb. 18th from 5-6pm there's a poetry reading in the Gould Library Athenaeum at Carleton featuring Faisal Mohyuddin (Carleton '00), who just won a major poetry prize.

Next poetry reading at the Northfield Public Library is Emily Oliver on March 14th.

Currently working on scheduling an event with current and former poets laureate in April or May.

ACTION: Jensen, Hardy & Flom will talk about putting together a PARC for selecting the next Poet Laureate. Next step would be publicizing the opening to poets and encouraging them to apply.

Commission Orientation and Rules of Business

Members discussed the orientation materials, ACC Ordinance, Art in Public Places Policy, and ACC/City Events Calendar, all of which had been distributed for review before the meeting.

2019 ACC Work Plan

Members discussed the 2019 ACC Work Plan, which had been distributed for review before the meeting. Members signed up to monitor the work of other Boards and Commissions and report on relevant activity. Members were invited to volunteer for various subcommittees.

Approve Ad Hoc PARC for Streamlined Review Process

Proposed PARC: Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson, Karna Hauck, Teresa Jensen, a Public Works representative, and Tracy Heisler.

ACTION: Ask Tracy Heisler to serve on the Ad Hoc PARC.

Motion to approve Ad Hoc PARC as proposed	Motion: Flom
	Second: Hauck
	Approved unanimously.

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Youth Members are not attending tonight’s meeting because they are rehearsing for Rock & Roll Revival; tickets go on sale this week.

Jensen: Northfield Dance Academy is planning to expand into the empty Hallmark store space; they have a Gofundme link on their site to raise money for the project.

Flom: Four NHS students were part of an Honor Band event at the University of Minnesota, which closed with a performance at the Ted Mann Concert Hall.

Hauck: NHS student Claire Peterson won 6 awards in the Scholastic Art Competition, including a Vision Award, which is one of the top ten awards. Award ceremony will be at the University of Minnesota. Also, Purple Door Youth Theater’s production of the Wizard of Oz is opening later this month.

Melby: Anna Deavere Smith will be at St. Olaf on April 3 & 4 to receive an honorary degree. There is a public lecture on Wed. Apr. 3rd at 7pm.

Arts Advocacy in the City

Members shared relevant news from the public meetings of other Boards and Commissions.

Living Treasure Award Re-Cap and Next Steps

Flom: The wrap-up meeting with FiftyNorth had to be rescheduled because of the weather. About 140 people attended the award ceremony, despite the frigid weather. Thanks to everyone for helping out. Flom especially enjoyed the song performed by ten members of the cast of *Jesse*. (Also see Flom’s written report.)

ACTION: Arrange to have an official photographer at these events in the future.

PARC Final Decision for Informational Kiosk

Jensen shared a model of the winning proposal for a new informational kiosk. Reported that the PARC will make a template so that future committees can have the benefit of their experience. Hauck reported that the process worked very well.

Other Project Updates

Sidewalk Poetry (Flom): Addition to written report: Flom has connected with Anjelica Linder, who will find someone to provide music in Spanish at the celebration this summer.

Artists on Main Street (Melby): Addition to written report: Working with Kris Layman, and will have marketing materials by the end of the week. They will be sent to ACC Members as soon as they are ready.

ACTION: Please help to distribute the materials when your receive them.

Cultural Plan (Jensen): Change to written report: The Plan will go before the City Council on March 12th.

4x4 Gateway Corridor (Melby): No additions to written report.

Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Gilbertson): No additions to written report

Art in City Hall (Rush-Vizina): A call to artists will go out for the We Are Water exhibit as soon as the poster is ready, expected to be around Feb. 22nd.

Climate Action Plan Advisory Board Update

Alex Miller and Matt Rohn reported on the work of the Climate Action Plan Advisory Board. They are eager to have the ACC's help in encouraging public participation.

Other Business

Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol is March 12th.

ACTION: Sign up to attend, if you are able.

Meet Your Rep Arts Advocacy Event with Todd Lippert at the Key on Saturday, Feb. 16th at 1pm.

SEMAC Grant Plans

ACTION: Revisit this in context of Annual Work Plan and add to March agenda.

Adjourned at 5:52pm

Motion to adjourn	Motion: Flom
	Second: Chakladar
	Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.