

4x4 Gateway Corridor Group

Submitted by Alyssa Melby

Attendance: Jill Ewald (ACC); Teresa Jensen (City); Alice Thomas, Tracy Heisler, and Dave Neuger (Roundtable); Will Schroeder (Planning Commission)

We met on January 8. It was largely an information sharing day.

- 3rd St. from Division to Railroad Tracks: Will spoke to the group about tonight's Public Hearing at City Council on one area of the 2019 Streets projects, namely, the area on 3rd Street just beyond the RR tracks, within what is considered the boundaries of the Arts Corridor. Will plans on addressing the Council with a request to consider additions to the original scope to improve the streetscape. These additions are in the Board packet for tonight, and include recommendation for wider sidewalks, a narrower street, a widening of the sidewalk to create a plaza in front of the Guild theatre. Also, a suggestion and drawing to add a median on both sides of the RR track to allow for a simple gate to be installed at each median, which would be part of a quiet crossing requirement. However, the hired consultants were not aware of the Arts Corridor idea/plan, and any changes to plan would mean increase in dollars.
- Parking Signs: Jill shared some examples, and the group decided that a round sign with a band around the outer edge would be most attractive. We should consider finding a unique mount that would help the sign to more visually represent Northfield, and that these signs should be for the entire C1 district. Next steps: Teresa talking with Jenni Roney at NDDC to move it forward at the City level.

Artists on Main Street Initiative

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The dates of the Creative Placemaking workshops will be the evening of March 8 at the Northfield Arts Guild (304 Division St), and the morning of March 9 at the Northfield Public Library. Exact times TBD, but SAVE THE DATES and START SPREADING THE NEWS!

Cultural Plan

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A *nearly 100% complete* version of the beautifully laid-out plan was completed by Karna Hauck--*BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND MUCH GRATITUDE!!!*

Various ACC members are talking about the Cultural Plan this month and next at various committees--*thank you!* Talking points have been shared with all those presenting. The hope is that the other boards will officially move to support the plan and encourage City Council to fully adopt it. Teresa hopes to put forth to City Council in February.