

City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, October 14, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Arts & Culture Commission

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Anderson at 6:01 p.m.

- Present:** 6 - Vice Chair Martha Anderson, Commissioner Leah Rich, Commissioner Kate Woodstrup, Commissioner Anna Lisa Rustad, Commissioner Michael Johnson and Commissioner Kaia Markofski
- Absent:** 1 - Chair Paula Granquist

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison), Becky Novotny (Clerical Liaison), Emerson Carlson (Youth Representative), Khyla Theiling (Youth Representative), and Victoria Hemmah (Youth Representative).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Woodstrup, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the agenda for the October 14, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Rustad, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2024 Arts and Culture Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

1. Approval of the September 9, 2024 Arts and Culture Commission Draft Minutes

Attachments: [ACC Minutes September 9, 2024 DRAFT](#)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discuss Schedule for upcoming meetings.

There was a discussion on whether the commission should meet on an alternate date for the November meeting, as the regular meeting is scheduled for Veteran's day, for which City offices are closed. The commission decided to recess for November, as there is no pressing items, and commence business in December.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, for the Arts and Culture Commission to recess for November and

commence business in December. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

3. 2025 Living Treasure Award nomination.

There is one nomination for the Living Treasure Award carried over from last year and a possible second coming in soon. Draper will send an email to members of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) to schedule a date and time for the committee to meet.

4. Consider PARC Recommendation for Water Treatment Plant Public Art.

Attachments: [depena proposal selection](#)

A discussion was had by the commission regarding the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Public Art proposal. The PARC reviewed the proposals from 4 finalists and after deliberating selected the art proposal of Ivan Depena.

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rustad, to approve the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for the Water Treatment Plant Public Art proposal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

5. Ice Arena Public Art Project.

Draper introduced the ice arena public art project and a discussion was had by the commission. The commission members liked the idea of having art projected in or on the building. The idea of using projections, that are temporary and give the option to continually change the art, was desirable to the commission. Being able to include art of the youth in the projections was advantageous to this form of art as many of the young people are at the arena and would be able to see their creations displayed. Volunteers for the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) are Leah Rich, Kate Woodstrup, and Victoria Hemmah.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rustad, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to convene the Public Art Review Committee for the ice arena public art project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

STAFF UPDATES

6. Staff Update.

Attachments: [Northfield Poetry Newsletter - OCTOBER](#)
[Poetry theater workshop and performance fliers](#)

Draper shared the interest of Mark Daehlin to exhibit a series of 17 portraits of Civil Rights figures in City Hall. Draper asked the commission if there is interest in putting money towards artists displaying their work in City Hall? The commission brainstormed ideas in regards to having artists have their work in City Hall and other locations

throughout Northfield. Draper will add this topic to a future meeting to discuss further.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Woodstrup shared that art work is down in City Hall due to early voting. After the election art from the high school will go up. Johnson shared that Wendall Arneson opened a solo show at the Arts Guild, with a reception on Oct. 25. The show My Fair Lady opens up this weekend at the Arts Guild Theater.

Markofski shared there is a choir concert coming up at the high school and a Halloween poetry reading with the poet laureate, Russ Paladin.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Woodstrup, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski