



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** November 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), Jill Ewald, Cynthia Gilbertson, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby, Kent McWilliams [Regular Appointees], Danny Allin, Ann Beimers, Jariya Goerwitz, [Youth Representatives].

Members absent: Hannah Singh [Youth Representative].

Others present: Kathy Vizina (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Poet Laureate Rob Hardy, Alice Thomas

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:31 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Melby and Hardy will be moved up in the agenda order because they need to leave early.	Motion: Gleason Second: Gilbertson Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of Oct. 9, 2017	Approved as written except to correct the spelling of Hauck's name in the entries concerning Arts And Culture Recognitions and ArtsLab Peer Learning Community Cohort Report.	Motion: McWilliams Second by: Gleason Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom congratulated Kathy Rush Vizina on her recent marriage and wished the new couple well. Danny Allin, Jiriya Goerwitz and Ann Beimers all participated in the recent high school play "The Drowsy Chaperone" which was a resounding success. Ewald presented a capstone presentation at the Arts Guild; she has received an Established Artist grant from SEMAC for "Pathways There and Now" and has a show of her work running through December 31 at the Allina Clinic Gallery. Granquist reported that this is the third anniversary of the opening of Content Book Store. Flom recognized and thanked the members of the ArtsLab Cohort for their work.	
ArtsLab Peer Learning Community Cohort Report (Hauck & Jensen)	Jensen and Hauck reported on the second of four retreats in which six Northfielders participated: Jensen, Hauck, Mayor Rhonda Pownell, Carleton dance Instructor Daphne McCoy, Lisa Peterson of the CVB, and Megan Profit of the Northfield Arts Guild. The goal is preparation for writing an updated cultural plan for the city of Northfield. They showed a "this is Northfield" video and slide show they had prepared for presentation to the retreat group, one of three presented at the recent Cohort retreat by groups from different towns. The presentation was divided into sections about the past, present and future of Northfield, including the arts and arts festivals such as Vintage Band. It included characterizations of the town in terms of civic engagement, amenities for retired people, and culture. They discussed city planning documents which guide development of city practices. They will now be looking at possible goals for the future to be developed for the city.	
City Strategic Plan (Jensen)	Jensen reported she is working on task plans for items listed under the enhanced tourism section of the Strategic Plan relating to arts and culture. Priorities include an ordinance Funding 1% For The Arts, a Cultural Plan, and planning for the Arts Corridor.	
ACC Goals 2017-18	Flom suggested and Commissioners approved a focus on the following goals: Promoting a 1% Ordinance for the Arts, Developing a Cultural Plan, Interfacing ACC goals with the City's Strategic Plan, and continuing to work toward the development of an Arts Corridor. Commissioners noted	

	that it might be helpful to break the major goals down into intermediate tasks to provide more manageable work goals. Discussion followed of how the ACC could advocate for the 1% For The Arts so it could be implemented beginning with projects underway now and then get it written into an ordinance.	
Updates (As Applicable)		
Poet Laureate (Hardy)	See attached September 2017 summary by Poet Laureate Hardy. Hardy also reported there have been several visiting poets from other towns; some of them liked Northfield enough to return for future programs. A poetry slam for teens is proposed to be held in Northfield, the winners of which will progress to a national poetry competition.	
Arts Corridor	Flom recognized Thomas's substantial contributions in getting meetings of stakeholders together to gather ideas on how to develop the Arts Corridor.	
Art In City Hall	Ewald is hanging an exhibit themed "Winter" which is going up in City Hall. An opening reception will be held Nov. 30, 4-5 p.m. All ACC commissioners are invited. Jensen suggested making some publicity posters to post in city buildings. Flom recognized and thanked Jill and Ken Ewald for all their work in installing the shows in City Hall.	
Living Treasure Award	Ewald and Allin are working on the committee along with Flom and Vick. Nominations are arriving and will be processed after the deadline Nov. 17.	
The Northfield Experience	Jensen reported the committee is working on funding. She hopes to have some video footage made during the event for use for other city purposes in the future.	
Young Sculptors' Project (Hauck)	Hauck reported the project meets on Mondays and is going well. Quinn Batten, a Carleton Fifth Year Educational Associate, is a go-getter and is working well with the high school students. The group enjoyed a field trip to Minneapolis to visit a foundry and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden.	
CVB (Gilbertson)	Jensen reported that Jenni Roney of the NDDC has found funding to procure new Christmas lighting for Bridge Square and the downtown business area.	
Other		
	Sian Muir's Arts Management Class, which teaches writing of management plans and grant proposals, has offered local organizations the opportunity to work with her students. Herzog Melby and Flom submitted a proposal to work with Muir's students and they will be meeting with them in the near future as they develop a grant proposal that could be submitted in support of a sculpture project at Hwy 3 and 3 rd Street. In addition to writing the proposal, they will seek to identify potential funders which we might be able to access for future ACC projects.	
	Flom encouraged commissioners working on ACC projects to submit written reports in advance of the monthly meetings (as Poet Laureate Rob Hardy has been doing) so they can be included in packets in order to save time during the meetings.	
Adjournment		
Adjournment	Time: 5:51 p.m.	Motion: McWilliams Second: Gleason Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.