

City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Arts & Culture Commission

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Granquist at 6:01 pm.

Present: 7 - Chair Paula Granquist, Vice Chair Martha Anderson, Commissioner Leah Rich, Commissioner Kate Woodstrup, Commissioner Michael Johnson, Commissioner Anna Lisa Rustad and Board Member Khyla Thieling

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Amanda Wigley, Commissioner Quinn Weitz and Commissioner Sam Froehle

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison) and Becky Novotny (Clerical Liaison)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the agenda for the November 10, 2025 Arts & Culture Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Wigley and Board Member Thieling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Woodstrup, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2025 Arts & Culture Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Wigley and Board Member Thieling

1. ACC September 8, 2025

Attachments: [ACC Minutes Sept. 8, 2025 DRAFT](#)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Update on Art in Public Places Program.

Attachments: [Loon mural_Dan Toro](#)
[bridge mural2_Natasha Platt](#)
[bridge mural_Natasha Platt](#)
[Mural Reflection](#)

Draper gave an update on the Art in Public Places Program. Johnson gave an update on the work completed in 2025 with the partnership of the Northfield Arts Guild.

3. Public Art Review Committee (PARC) recommendation for Ice Arena Artist.

Attachments: [draft press release Arts Guild welcomes community to new space](#)
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Johnson gave an update on the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) that met to review the submissions for the art to go in the Ice Arena. The PARC recommends Michael Sweere to the ACC to create the art work for the ice arena. He will be putting together three renderings to be voted on by the public at Winter Walk, Dec. 11, to make the final design.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve the recommendation of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) of Michael Sweere as the artist for the Ice Arena. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Rustad and Board Member Thieling

4. Staff Update.

Attachments: [OCTOBER NPL](#)

[NOVEMBER NPL](#)

[3 - 12.01 Art in Public Places Policy 11-25 REDLINE DRAFT](#)

[2 - 12.01 Art in Public Places Policy 11-25 DRAFT CLEAN](#)

[1 - Resolution 12](#)

Draper said this will be the last meeting of the ACC due to budget cuts within the City. The policy for Art in Public Places was revised due to the elimination of the Arts and Culture Commission and was passed by City Council. The policy reflects the partnership with the Northfield Arts Guild to manage public art via an agreement to designate them as a Local Arts Agency (LAA).

The construction fencing facing Division Street, around the Archer House site, will have art to temporarily conceal the site. Rocky Casillas will create large concept of books by local authors to put up in the site. It will be installed in early December.

Draper gave a summary of work completed in her five years on the commission. She thanked the commissioners for their time and work to make Northfield an arts community.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commission members gave their comments on the elimination of the ACC. Johnson shared how community members can support the arts in Northfield going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

The commission chose not to formally adjourn the meeting.

This was the final meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission. These posted minutes are finalized in draft form and have not been, and will not be, formally approved by the board members.

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