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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, March 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 6:02 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Paula Granquist, Vice Chair Martha Anderson, Commissioner Leah Rich, Commissioner Kate Woodstrup, Commissioner Michael Johnson, Commissioner Anna Lisa Rustad and Commissioner Kaia Markofski

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Amanda Wigley

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Yes: 7 - Chair Granquist, 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 Woodstrup, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Arts and Culture Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski

1. ACC January 13, 2025 Draft Minutes

Attachments: [ACC Minutes January 13, 2025 DRAFT](#)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Living Treasure Award Subcommittee Update.

Granquist gave an update from the February subcommittee meeting. The Living Treasure Award event was discussed honoring Bob Gregory-Bjorklund, that will take place on April 28 at 7 pm at the Grand Event Center. Pauline Jennings, from the Culture Crew, has created the line-up for the event that will include music, thank-you's, stories, a scene from a show, questions & interviews, and more. Johnson said they are working on the possibility of a scholarship fund in connection with the Living Treasure Award. The 2026

Living Treasure Award nominations will begin in August.

Carlson joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

3. Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan Update.

Draper gave an update on the changes to the Arts and Culture Commission work plan for 2025. There have been several adjustments to the plan due to changes in projects. The bids for the Water Treatment Plant were rejected by the City Council, so that project has been removed from the work plan. Minor adjustments have been made to the ice arena project thus moving those items to later dates on the calendar. The Friends of Downtown did not get their State Arts Board grant for Artists on Main Street, thus removing that project from the timeline. Draper will be presenting the annual Percent for the Arts report at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 18. She encouraged ACC members to attend the meeting. The budget subcommittee will meet next month. Volunteers for the subcommittee include Anderson, Granquist, Johnson, and Markofski. Draper will facilitate the subcommittee meeting.

STAFF UPDATES

4. Staff Update.

Attachments: [MARCH POET LAUREATE NEWSLETTER](#)
[percent for arts report 2024 final](#)

Draper reported that there was a small group that attended Mark Daehlin's Freedom Road Heroes exhibit reception. Daehlin will be doing a 3-day live painting demo at the library in August.

Since the Water Treatment Plant bids were rejected by City Council that project will not be moving forward. That eliminates the funding for the public art and cancels the artwork planned.

The Percent for the Arts annual report was included in the packet. Draper will be presenting it to City Council on March 18. The expenditures for 2024 were low as most of the projects included concept work. Two projects completed with these funds were the Oasis mural and the comprehensive plan illustrations.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Woodstrup said at the end of the month City Hall will display art from the middle school. There is an 8th grade art class that currently has a photography exhibit on display at the library. The All School Art Show is going at the Art's Guild through the rest of this week. Woodstrup said the school district is going through the budget reduction process and the arts programming will most likely be affected at all levels. They are looking for support from the community. For those interested in being involved in that process there will be a meeting on April 3 from 6-8:30 pm in the middle school auditorium.

Woodstrup reported that the SELCO Legacy Committee reviewed applications for community collaboration grants that will award up to \$7,000. They will vote on them at their next meeting.

Johnson said this weekend the 411 Concert Series will continue with Dan Chouinard with Thomasina Petrus. Next week the Culture Crew will host their first story hour of spoken word with several speakers including Oliver Casillas at the Armory. This weekend there will be 14 artists moving into the 411 Water Street studio space. Granquist reported that the Friends of Downtown will be continuing Third Thursdays this summer. They will start in May and go through August.

Markofski said the high school with have Arts a la Carte on April 11.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Rustad, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Woodstrup, Commissioner Rustad, Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Markofski