



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** May 14, 2018 **Location:** Northfield Public Library meeting room.

Scheduled start time: 4:30 p.m. **Scheduled adjourn time:** 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz [Regular Appointees], Danny Allin, Ann Beimers, Jariya Goerwitz, Hannah Singh [Youth Representatives]

Members absent: Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair) [Regular Appointee]

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

Call to Order at 4:31pm by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

Approval of Agenda Motion: Ewald
Second: Flom
Approved unanimously.

Public Comment
No public comment.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of April 9, 2018 Motion: Flom
Gilbertson will correct some typographical errors. Second: Hauck
Approved Unanimously

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Hardy: About 120 people attended the poetry reading by Danez Smith, which is possibly a record. Thank you to Debby Nitz for her efforts in promoting the event.

Flom: Thank you to everyone who sent in videos of themselves reading poetry for Poem in Your Pocket Day.

Lawrenz: The Northfield Experience was incredible, a shout-out to everyone involved. Every performance was completely full.

Flom: Particularly enjoyed getting to watch the final performance at the library with Koplowitz, and kudos to Alice Thomas for smoothing out the area by the Depot for the dancers.

Ewald: Exhibiting at FiftyNorth Gallery from May 14 - June 14. Opening reception May 22, 4-6pm.

Lawrenz: The Honors Art Show is up. Opening reception May 18, 7-9pm with artist talks at 7:30pm.

Melby: Both Carleton and St. Olaf currently have Senior Art shows up. The Northfield Youth Choir had a performance at which Cully Hauck and Danny Allin were honored.

Hauck: 39 Steps was performed at the high school. It was a great play and Danny Allin performed in it.

Allin: The Northfield Swing Dance was a big success.

Lawrenz: The Latino Play Festival started last weekend.

Melby: A group of St. Olaf students is working on getting open captioning at the movie theater for one age-restricted and one family-friendly show per month. The Empty Bowls fundraiser at Carleton raised over \$8,000. The Cinco de Mayo festival last week was a big success.

Draft Cultural Plan -- comments & feedback

The group provided feedback on the draft plan. Hauck thanked Melby for her leadership on the subcommittee and let the ACC know that her amazing leadership skills really helped move the project forward. Hauck expressed particular appreciation for Jensen's knowledge of existing city plans. **ACTION: Melby will contact Mayor Pownell about sending a thank-you letter on city letterhead to each of the Cohort participants.**

Arts Advocacy in the City -- discuss & assign

Individuals signed up to read the monthly packet from one city Board or Commissions that is most relevant to the ACC's work and share pertinent information at the monthly meetings. **ACTION: Sign up to receive packets at ci.northfield.mn.us/list.aspx.**

Public Art Review Committee -- solidify involvement, next tasks

The PARC for 7th & Division project will consist of Ewald, Hauck, and city staff yet to be named. Perhaps also someone from a business near the intersection. **ACTION: PARC will draft a Call for Proposals for sculpture at 7th & Division, and this will become a template for future CFPs.** Goal is to get the CFP out in June or July. Anticipate needing to convene a PARC for Highway 3 & Third Street sculpture pads, and also Ames Park Gateway enhancements.

First Fridays Update

The first First Friday is scheduled for June 1st, 5-9pm. Numerous events have already been planned. **ACTIONS: Share the Facebook event (available [at this link](#)) and plan to attend.**

Project Updates -- questions or comments on reports

Collaborative Projects Subcommittee: See written report

4x4 Gateway Corridor subcommittee: See written report.

1% for the Arts subcommittee: See written report. Next 1% subcommittee meeting scheduled for May 30 at 1pm.

ArtsLab Cohort/Cultural Plan subcommittee: see written report & draft Cultural Plan

Poet Laureate: See written report. **ACTIONS: Hardy will invite the students working on the calendar project to talk to Melby and Jensen. Projects subcommittee will consider the proposal for an addition to Poem in Your Pocket Day. A funding source is needed, perhaps contact HCI. Hardy, Singh, Melby, and Granquist will consult their calendars and coordinate supervising sidewalk chalk poetry at the Way Park Spring Festival May 19th.**

Sidewalk Poetry: See written report. In addition, Flom expressed appreciation for Leslie Schultz volunteering to visit the property owners whose properties are slated for poetry installations.

Young Sculptor's Project: See written report. **ACTIONS: Plan to attend the unveiling on May 24th at 6pm. Vizina will provide a microphone; Melby will introduce Hauck.**

Convention and Visitors' Bureau: See written report. Six people in four categories (retail, attractions/events, lodging, and restaurants) have been chosen to receive 2018 Tourism Awards.

The Northfield Experience: Koplowitz filmed portions of the performances and is looking for an editor to create a video. The video will be available on his website.

Art In City Hall: See written report. ACC member Lawrenz also contributed to the exhibit. **ACTIONS: Plan to attend the opening; perhaps get video at the opening, including Mikayla talking about the genesis of the idea; Lawrenz will contribute treats for the opening; others should let Ewald know if they can bring treats.**

Other Business

Hardy will not be attending the June meeting and will not have a report for June.

ACTION: Ewald will be writing the June article for the ACC's column in the Northfield News (due May 21st).

Adjourned at 5:47pm

Motion: Lawrenz

Second: Granquist

Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.