

SHADOWING REPORT – HPC member, Alice Thomas, September 9, 2021

ACC Meeting Report, August 12, 2021

Agenda Items relating to the historic district but no HPC authority:

- 1) Sculpture at #3 & 3rd.** No update. John Sterner's eagle sculpture installation is slated for May 2022.
- 2) Arts Corridor Banners.** No update. The artist is in the process of revising some earlier designs.
- 3) Riverwalk Stairs Poetry near the Carlson building.** Not yet complete; only some of the lines of the poem has been stenciled onto the stair risers.
- 4) New feature in Riverwalk Park Garden.** No updates on the proposed memorial for Dottie Swan in the Riverwalk Park Garden.
- 5) Roundabout Sculpture:** Completed. A dedication/ribbon cutting event is planned for some time after DJJD.
- 6) Artists on Mainstreet (AOMS):** Additional installations of this year's Creative Placemaking projects have been installed, e.g., For a welcoming entry, Kathy Ness painted the risers on the stairs leading to Northfield Public Library to resemble the spines of some of the most beloved children's books. Titles were crowdsourced from the community.
- 7) Definition of Public Art.** The ACC has discussed the definition and scope of public art regarding the inclusion of chalk art in the definition of public art -given the context of a city ordinance prohibiting sidewalk chalking.
- 8) Riverwalk Entrance.** A consultant has submitted landscaping plans for the Riverwalk Entrance (open area north of Basil's Pizza) where a sculpture had been installed last year. Plans do not include that sculpture but may have two sculpture pads and a mural.

Agenda Items relating to the historic district involving the HPC.

- 1) Mural Policy.** Natalie Draper and Mikayla Schmidt have met to discuss the policy in preparation for council agenda in October. It will be policy language to be added into AIPP rather than ordinance change. They are working on a redline version to get approval from City Administrator, then ACC and HPC before Council consideration.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Items not relating to Historic District but could involve Locally Designated Historic Building (the depot).

1) Passenger Rail

Update from Rep. Lippert: The bill to authorize funds for the study and planning for the passenger rail line that would include Northfield did not get a hearing this session. But the Transportation chair wants to have a hearing in Northfield sometime this fall to start building support.

Items relating to the Locally Designated Historic Building involving the HPC.

2) Transit Hub

After positive recommendations from the MN Historical Preservation Office, the HPC, and the PC, the City Council approved a first reading of an ordinance designating the 1888 Depot as a local historical site. A second reading is scheduled for September 7. With the approval at the second reading, the HPC is likely to be asked to comment on the design of the planned adjacent pavilion and transit hub project. Bids are expected to go out this fall for construction in Summer 2022.