

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Reports on Activities – not related to Historic District

- Living Treasure
- Cultural Plan (branding, signage, community calendar)
- Committee Planning
- Sidewalk Poetry Contest Event (Thursday, August 29th at 7pm on Bridge Square)

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

1) Artists on Main Street

In November 2018, the Northfield Downtown Development Corporation (NDDC) was awarded a \$30,000 (\$1,000 for each of 3 yrs.) through the Artists on MainStreet initiative. Some of the ten temporary installations or events have taken place. The installations are temporary so it is not anticipated the HPC will be involved this year.

2) Signs and sign posts.

A subcommittee of the ACC has submitted to the City suggested designs for uniform parking signs and posts in the city – chiefly in the downtown historical area. No action.

Agenda Items relating to the historic district involving the HPC.

1) New Downtown Banner Design.

Last update: The Northfield Downtown Development Corporation (NDDC) and the City of Northfield Arts and Culture Commission sponsored a competition for artists to design a street banner that will be hung on lamp-posts along Division Street and Water Street in downtown Northfield. Artists were directed to submit designs that highlight the cultural, historic, or artistic characteristics of Northfield.

Update: The design entries were reviewed by a Public Art Review Committee (PARC); a HPC member, Jan Gilblom served on the committee. The selected artist was asked to revisit the design with some suggested revisions.

2) New Arts Banner type: “Artistic Gateway Banner: Year-Round”.

Last update: The banner policy passed last year by the City Council addressed only those downtown banners that are rotated. A subcommittee of the ACC submitted a proposed Banner Policy to include a new banner type that would be displayed year-round along streets/highways in support of City goals to enhance city corridors and gateway notes using public art and to designate a sense of place and community of the arts.

Update: No update. PARC would review and approve any design and if the banner were in the historic district, an HPC member would be on that committee.

TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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- Highways: #246 (considering local control but with responsibility) and #19 (2024 project)
- Hiawatha Land Transit Survey completed; surveyed use (routes, frequency, purpose, destination), satisfaction and suggested changes (hours and stops). Results can be found on line at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/DocumentCenter/View/7732/Hiawathaland-Survey-Results>