



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** May 8, 2017 **Location:** Northfield

Public Library meeting room.

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

Members present: Bonnie Jean Flom (Chair), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), Jill Ewald, Cynthia Gilbertson, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby [Regular Appointees], Danny Allin, Olivia Archambault, [Youth Representatives].

Members absent: David Carter [Regular Appointee], Jariya Goerwitz [Youth Representative].

Others present: Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison)

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:30 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda		Motion: Vick Second: Gilbertson Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of April 10, 2017	Correct the date of the previous month's meeting minutes to March 13, 2017.	Motion: Ewald Second by: Allin Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom attended Arts A La Carte at the High School, which she praised for the level of artistry which was far beyond what she had anticipated; she also praised Hauck and everyone who was involved in organizing and participating in it. Allin reported that the High School's presentation of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night just completed its run and was extremely successful. He played the part of Malvolio. The High School Latino And Friends Play Festival is this weekend and next. Melby reported the first Northfield Arts Guild \$250 scholarship was presented to visual art student Noah Schomburg for use in the next academic year, and Hauck added that an arts award was also presented to Evan Day Diggins at the High School Academic Awards ceremony last week.	
Summer Retreat - set date	Flom will set up an online calendar of potential dates for ACC commissioners to sign up.	
Public Art Policy	Gleason, Flom, Jensen, Melby and Ewald have been making progress on developing a draft of a Public Art Policy for Northfield. Flom thanked Gilbertson for attending and helping out at the last meeting of the Public Art Policy committee. Gleason briefly described the current draft of the pages that have been written to date. The document describes the Public Art Review Committee. He noted that the language on Art Reviewing Criteria may need more discussion. Several editing suggestions for the draft were proposed by various commissioners. Commissioners agreed that the ACC needs to coordinate with the Heritage Preservation Commission regarding the Historic Downtown District. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting.	
Cultural Planning	Hauck distributed a note from arts planning consultant Sharon Rodning Bash responding to our questions to her. Hauck proposed forming a committee to work out a plan for moving forward. Melby, Hauck and Flom have agreed to serve on the committee and will communicate with Rodning Bash.	
Arts Visioning Group Of The NDDC (5:30 p.m.)	John Hibbard and Jenni Roney representing the NDDC Arts Visioning Group addressed the ACC. Roney recounted the history of the group which originated with the previous NDDC Director Scot Covey. The NDDC has	

	<p>four visioning working groups including ones on Arts, Bridge Square, Streets and Parking, and Recreation. Hibbard described a possible plan for generating more artistic activities in the downtown shopping district as a way of increasing commercial interest in Northfield's arts resources. They would like to work with the ACC and the Chamber of Commerce to see if there's interest in pursuing such a plan, and asked whether ACC commissioners felt interested. Their goal is to draw people into the stores, so some stores could become galleries or venues for events. They envision possibly starting the month after the Koplowitz event in May, 2018. Hauck pointed out that this sort of planning is timely to the ACC and we should work it into our longer term planning and funding efforts. An NDDC group appeared before the city Council yesterday to encourage the Council to work this into their strategic planning. Gilbertson encouraged them to approach the CVB as well for discussion on Northfield's marketing.</p>	
	Updates	
	No other updates were presented.	
	Adjournment	
Adjournment	Time: 6:01 p.m.	Motion: Gleason Second: Hauck Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.

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