

City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Arts & Culture Commission

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Chair Granquist at 6:03 p.m.

Present: 5 - Chair Paula Granquist, Vice Chair Martha Anderson, Commissioner Leah Rich, Commissioner Anna Lisa Rustad and Commissioner Michael Johnson

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kate Woodstrup

ALSO PRESENT: Natalie Draper (Library Director and Staff Liaison) and Becky Novotny (Clerical Liaison)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, to approve the agenda for the June 10, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Rustad and Commissioner Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Rustad, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the minutes for the May 14, 2024 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Rustad and Commissioner Johnson

- 1. ACC May 13, 2024 Draft Minutes

Attachments: [ACC Minutes May 13, 2024 DRAFT](#)

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REGULAR AGENDA

Draper presented on the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) Cultural Expression Grant Application. A discussion was had by the commission.

- 2. 2025 Board and Commission Appointment Process Update

Draper reported that the ACC has three members up for reappointment, if they choose to reapply. There is currently one vacant partial term that expires December 31, 2026.

- 3. Public Art Review Committee (PARC) for Water Treatment Plant Public Art Integration.

Draper asked for approval of the Public Art Review Committee (PARC) consisting of

Martha Anderson, Michael Johnson, Mathias Hughey, Justin Wagner, Annika Nguyen, and Xavier Tavera for the Water Treatment Plant Public Art.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Rustad, to approve the Public Art Review Committee consisting of Martha Anderson, Michael Johnson, Mathias Hughey, Justin Wagner, Annika Nguyen, and Xavier Tavera to review the Water Treatment Plant Public Art. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Rustad and Commissioner Johnson

4. Minnesota State Arts Board: Cultural Expression Grant Application

Draper presented on the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) Cultural Expression Grant Application. Funds would be used to fund the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration in Northfield. A discussion was had by the commission.

5. National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Grants for Arts Projects Grant Application

Attachments: [1-NEA GAP grant resolution](#)

Draper presented on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Application. Funds would give the ACC a bigger budget for the Bridge Square public art project. A discussion was had by the commission.

6. National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Application

Draper presented on the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Our Town Grant Application. Funds will be used to support the commission of a Placemaking Plan focused on downtown areas, the Riverwalk, and the riverfront and adjacent parks and public spaces. A discussion was had by the commission.

7. Resolution Proclaiming August 18th Arts Guild Day in Northfield.

Attachments: [Draft Resolution for Arts Guild Day](#)

Commissioner Johnson presented on the request of the ACC to recommend to Council to declare August 18th "Northfield Arts Guild Day". The Arts Guild was founded 65 years ago this year and will be celebrated on August 18th at Bridge Square with music entertainment and remarks by the mayor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Rustad, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, to approve the recommendation to City Council the resolution to declare August 18th "Northfield Arts Guild Day". The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Rustad and Commissioner Johnson

STAFF UPDATES

8. Staff Report on Public Art and Creative Placemaking.

Attachments: [Staff report](#)

Granquist said the Culture Crew will show Young Frankenstein at the Grand on June

17th. Draper said they will be screening a film by Brynn Artley before the feature film. Johnson said the Culture Crew is sponsoring a storytelling workshop with The Moth on July 11 at 6 p.m. at the Guild theater.

Granquist said there will be an Open Mic Poetry night on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northfield Public Library. This will be the first event for the new Poet Laureate, Russ Boyington.

Johnson said The Children's Hour is showing at the Guild. This weekend will be the last set of performances before it closes.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Vice Chair Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Granquist, Vice Chair Anderson, Commissioner Rich, Commissioner Rustad and Commissioner Johnson