



## Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

**Meeting:** Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** March 13, 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), Timothy Vick (Secretary), David Carter, Cynthia Gilbertson, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby [Regular Appointees], Olivia Archambault, Danny Allin [Youth Representatives].

**Members absent:** Jill Ewald, Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), [Regular Appointees], Jariya Goerwitz, [Youth Representative].

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

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:34 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.	Motion: Carter Second: Granquist Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2016	Approved as written.	Motion: Melby Second by: Hauck Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom reported the Rock and Roll Revival presented by the Northfield High School was extremely well done and successful. Both Allin and Goerwitz did a great job with their performances. Allin was highlighted in a number of lead vocal performances. Granquist recognized the Arcadia students participating in Poetry Out Loud, including Anna Kochevar and Bella Callery. Kochevar advanced to the state competition and won the state championship. Melby congratulated the students and art teachers for their work installing the student art show at the NAG. Also, TPT has picked up the Paul Krauss documentary on last year's High School Sculpture "Rain on Mars" for a four-year contract.	
City of Northfield - Strategic Planning (Meeting Apr 6, 2017)	Jensen reported on the planning on formulating a Public Art Policy. She is interested in moving the city beyond recognition of the Public Art Policy toward an actual commitment to the policy, contributing meaningful, tangible support to the arts. She met with Ben Martig to think about a way forward. Such an effort could be tied in with the city's new strategic plan now being developed. A new strategic city plan could include facets which the ACC should align itself with in order to accomplish ACC goals. Hauck suggested Jensen communicate with arts advocacy specialist Sharon Rodning Bash for ideas for cultural planning with the City Council.	
<b>Updates</b>		
Poet Laureate	Hardy could not attend the meeting but did submit an email listing recent activity he has been engaged in and events coming up in the next month. Numerous poetry and literary events are in the works for the coming weeks. Hardy has a web page in the Public Library's web site containing listings of events - 18 in April (National Poetry Month) alone, and his own blog, at <a href="http://guides.mynpl.org/PoetLaureate">http://guides.mynpl.org/PoetLaureate</a> .	
Sidewalk Poetry	A record number of 156 poems have been forwarded to the judges for this year's Sidewalk Poetry Contest. Flom has met with Bill North of the Friends and Foundation of the Northfield Public Library, and she credits him with doing a lot of the logistical work connected with the poetry contest. Judging will be done in late March and winners will be announced in early April.	
Cultural Planning	Hauck is working with Sharon Rodning Bash of Arts Midwest (a 9-state advocacy organization) to move toward a collaboration. This will be on the	

	agenda for next month.	
Stephan Koplowitz – "The Northfield Experience"	Jensen reported that the conference with Koplowitz was successful and informative. He reported to City Council on his planning for the Experience and has been fleshing out his plans for the arts event. He also talked with other stakeholders (colleges, etc.).	
Art In City Hall	Rush reported that 13 artists are contributing 26 pieces for the new show, themed on nature and outdoors, to be shown April through October. The opening reception will be March 30, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. A future show centering on immigrants has been submitted as a suggestion for our evaluation.	
Convention & Visitors Bureau	Gilbertson said the CVB is looking for a new chair since Hayes Scriven has moved away. A new city map is being created in partnership with the Northfield News. Also, two new ad campaigns targeted at the Twin Cities have been launched, one with the theme "We're closer than you think," and the other focusing on various themes, including Northfield's arts scene.	
Save The Northfield Depot	Flom reported from a story in the Northfield News on the progress of restoring the old Northfield Depot, which is opening up other development opportunities at the same site. The Depot transit hub hopes to be occupied by the end of fall, 2017 with hopes for bus service by Hiawathland and Northfield Lines bus companies. Constructing a new driveway which busses can use for passenger pickup is key to the rest of the site development. Plans for a sculpture garden and other landscaping are in development.	
City Council Comment on Arts & Culture	For March 21 City Council meeting – Flom suggested topics could include the sidewalk poetry contest; the new Art Show opening in City Hall; news of the Poet Laureate and his activities, and possibly one of the ACC's Youth Representatives could talk about the Rock-n-Roll Revival.	
High School Sculpture Project	Hauck has contacted some artists and identified two sculptors interested in participating in the project for next year. The potential artists are currently working with cast iron, concrete, fabricated steel and recycled wood and exploring the idea of vessels. Hauck is working on next year's SEMAC grant application, due April 1st. There is significant student interest in the project once again.	
Carleton summer Fellowship.	Flom reported on the Carleton summer fellowship to create a new sidewalk poetry map – no students have applied for it yet but the effort is ongoing and hopefully we will have applicants soon.	
	<b>Other</b>	
	<b>Adjournment</b>	
Adjournment	Time: 5:52 p.m.	Motion: Gilbertson Second: Hauck Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.