

ACC Meeting Report, August 10, 2020

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

1) Artist on Main Street

The Artists on MainStreet initiative (a grant received by the NDDC) for temporary installations during the summer has selected two significant projects: 1) “Spreading the Love / Finding the Heart of Northfield,” a 6-foot tall metal tree with leaves of fused glass that will involve the public and businesses; location to be determined but likely in the Historic district and 2) “Musical Portraits of Northfield,” creation of a series of songs describing the sights and sounds of downtown Northfield. The topics and destinations for these musical portraits will be crowdsourced from community members; performances of each song will be video taped and available via QR code or online links. Alice represented the HPC in the advisory role.

2) Roundabout Tunnel Art

Artist has been selected. The two-week public input period,(Facebook) was all positive; currently working on contract. Is possible work may be postponed until next spring. PARC Committee did not include HPC since it isn't in the Historical District.

3) “Threshold” sculpture

As reported at the last meeting, “Threshold” has been installed on the west side of the Riverwalk. The live dedication event for August has been postponed; a dedication video will be taped by Sam Temple from Northfield Public Broadcasting and will include five speakers.

4) Sculpture at #3 & 3rd

A grant application will be submitted for a sculpture to be placed on the NE corner of the intersection; goal is to acquire a sculpture that relates to Native American imagery.

5) Art in City Hall

A committee is working on plans to paint the gallery walls, rearranging some of the permanent art and plan the theme of the next exhibition.

Agenda Items relating to the historic district involving the HPC.

1) Dominos mural art

PARC committee is waiting on contract input; they have not received modified design from building owner yet. Barbara represents the HPC on the PARC committee.

2) New Arts Banner type. (see 11-7-19 report for background)

The ACC subcommittee has not yet moved forward with soliciting designs and funding sources for the new banner types, “artistic banner” for the Arts Corridor and other areas. The HPC is likely to be a member of the PARC review committee for the banners.

3) Mural Policy

A subcommittee of the ACC has continued their work on adding a mural policy to the Public Art Policy, and addressing the question of defining a “cultural district.”

4) 4x4 Gateway Corridor

With the recent completion of the Threshold” acquisition and installation, the group will identify the next project to work on. The project may or may not be in the Historic District.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Note: I do not believe the committee has met, but below is an account of activities in the area of which I am aware.

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

1) Passenger Rail (see 11-7-19 report for background)

The development of the line for passenger rail that was approved for study by MnDOT; no state action on bill.

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

2) Transit Hub (see 11-7-19 report for background)

The City submitted a Transit Hub bonding request for the 2020 legislative session for the transit hub, pavilion and related parking adjacent to Depot, earlier designated as a local historical building; no state action on bill.

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