



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** June 13, 2016 **Location:** Public Library Conference Room

Start time: 4:30 p.m. **Adjourn time:** 6:00

Members present: Bonnie Jean Flom (Chair), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), David Carter, Jill Ewald, Karna Hauck, Philip Spensley (CVB Liaison) [Regular Appointees]; Danny Allin, Jariya Goerwitz and Ruthie Nelson, [Youth Representatives]

Members absent: Cynthia Gilbertson, Angela Lauterbach, Rose Mibus

Others present: Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas (Save The Northfield Depot)

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:34 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.	Motion by: Spensley Second: Ewald Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from Monday, May 9, 2016	There were no corrections to the minutes.	Motion by: Hauck Second by: Allin Approved.
New Business		
Welcome Jariya Goerwitz	Goerwitz is a new youth representative to the ACC. She is a junior in high school and has been active in several arts activities in school.	
Summer Retreat (Flom)	Once everyone has responded to the Doodle Poll then we will talk about the retreat schedule.	
Capstone Events (Flom, Carter, Hauck, Spensley)	The capstone for Sidewalk Poetry is being combined with the Bridge Chamber Music Festival in a concert at the Grand Event Center on Tuesday August 23, at 7:30 p.m. Readings by poets will be interspersed with music which will include a string quartet, a woodwind quintet and a baroque string trio. The capstone for the high school sculpture project will be held Thursday, August 25, at the high school auditorium.	
Reports/Updates		
Art In City Hall (Ewald)	A new exhibit on the 15 th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks has been installed. There will be a reception close to the 9/11 anniversary. Also, Spensley displayed for the ACC meeting the photographs by Ray Jacobson of art created by first and second graders in Northfield schools in 2011, which were displayed in City Hall previously. Hauck suggested the photos could be used as “fillers” in the upstairs gallery at City Hall between other showings. Another possibility would be to distribute the artworks to the parents of the students who created the original pictures.	
Design Standards/Meeting w/David Bennett (Jensen, Gleason, Ewald, Flom)	Jensen, Gleason, Ewald, Pat Allen and Flom attended a meeting last week with David Bennett to talk about the Hwy 3/3 rd St. intersection project. Two locations for sculptures were identified on the southwest and the northeast corners. This intersection is envisioned as the centerpiece for an arts corridor from Carleton’s Weitz Center through downtown to the Train Depot / NAG Theatre. We also discussed the importance of establishing an attractive and welcoming thoroughfare along Highway 3 between approaches from the north and the south. Bennett was going to contact MNDOT to find out what decor could be added to the signal light masts.	
High School Sculpture Project (Hauck)	Hauck reported that the capstone event for the high school sculpture project was very successful, and the weather cooperated. The students worked on the sculpture until minutes before the deadline, and the enthusiasm was high. The sculpture is beautiful and will weather to an attractive patina. It will be there	

	for two years. Hauck said she realized more than ever the importance of hiring a sculptor who is also a strong teacher, and she will emphasize this in future years. Flom complimented Hauck on her dedication in seeing the project through successfully. Several ACC members reported satisfaction with the sculpture and the capstone event. Thanks to Spensley for serving as Master of Ceremonies for the event.	
Sidewalk Poetry 2016 (Spensley, Flom)	Spensley reported that this year's poetry stamps are being produced. Nine poems have been installed in June. About 40 poems are going in as part of the Woodley St. project with no duplication of poems. Poems are also being installed in other projects, and there are 15 poems in the new sidewalks around the Library. Spensley has tracked how many times each poem has been installed and he is giving preference to poems that have been used the least to date. We now have 55 poems in our collection, gathered over the past 6 years.	
Poet Laureate (Gleason, Vick, Flom)	Flom thanked Jensen for her assistance with establishing the Laureate position. Flom distributed the Poet Laureate press release to KYMN and the Northfield News, which are reporting on the position. Jensen suggested the Library may be able to provide an honorarium for the poet this year. The deadline for applications will be the end of July and the selection will be made in August, with a public announcement at the Sidewalk Poetry capstone event on Aug. 23.	
Stephan Koplowitz Event in 2018 (Ewald)	Ewald reported that Koplowitz plans to visit in May 2018 to stage a large-scale performance event with Carleton and St. Olaf students. Later this year he will visit to talk with owners of various buildings in town to get permission to use their properties as venues, as well as city and college representatives to earn their partnership. He will apply for a National Endowment For The Arts grant to cover costs. Most of the events will be free and open, but some will have admission charges. He plans to meet with the City Council and the ACC this fall to form a partnership with the city. The CVB is interested in contributing advertising and publicity.	
Library Construction Project (Jensen/Rush)	Flom expressed "a hats off" to Jensen and Rush on the completion of the new Library renovations. Jensen said they are now working on completing various details, including hanging art and finishing exterior woodwork. 300 new patrons were issued library cards last week.	
CVB Liaison Report (Spensley)	Spensley reported that Northfield has been visited by a blogger who writes about cities, and the blogger will be posting some pieces on Northfield. The CVB has set money aside for marketing, and they are interested in making some short promotional videos about the city. The CVB is now hosting a web site listing cultural and other events in Northfield day-by-day and week-by-week.	
Other Business		
Recognitions	Flom thanked Nelson for her service; Nelson is leaving the ACC to serve on the Mayor's Youth Council. Goerwitz was welcomed to the ACC.	
Save The Depot (Thomas)	Thomas reports that two Nick Swearer sculptures have been donated to The Depot, and they will be put in The Depot's new sculpture garden.	
Recruiting	Flom reported that Paula Granquist has applied to be on the ACC.	
Adjournment		
Adjournment	Time: 5:55 p.m.	Motion by: Gleason Second: Carter Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.