



## Arts and Culture Commission

### MEETING MINUTES RECORD

**Meeting:** Regular ACC Meeting   **Date:** January 9, 2017   **Location:** Northfield Public Library meeting room.

**Start time:** 4:30 p.m.   **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]; Olivia Archambault, Jariya Goerwitz, Danny Allin [Youth Representatives].

**Members absent:** David Carter

**Others present:** Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Alice Thomas.

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:32 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written.	Motion: Gleason Second: Ewald Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of December 12, 2016	Approved as written.	Motion: Ewald Second by: Hauck Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Rush is playing 14 different roles in the comedy "Baskerville" at the Paradise Theater in February; the roles involve many hurried costume changes "and a lot of velcro." Rock and Roll Revival will be presented by the high school the first two weekends in March; performers will include the ACC youth representatives. Flom reported that Prairie Creek students have started a collaboration with St. Olaf students on a new opera to be performed in late January. Granquist and Hardy helped judge the Poetry Out Loud recitation contest at Arcadia School.	
Welcome New ACC Member Alyssa Herzog Melby	Welcome to Alyssa Herzog Melby who has been appointed to the ACC. She is the Executive Director of the Northfield Arts Guild.	
Election Of Officers	Flom proposed a slate of officers for 2017 consisting of continuing the present ACC officers: Flom as Chair, Gleason as Vice-Chair and Vick as Secretary. Thanks to Rush for reminding us to put the election on the agenda.	Motion: Ewald Second: Gilbertson Approved.
Updates		
Poet Laureate	Hardy announced several recent poetry events and many more coming up in the next few months. Links to poetry events are posted on the Northfield Poet Laureate Facebook page. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the extensive and outstanding work being carried out by our Poet Laureate.	
Living Treasure Award	Flom is heading up arrangements for the award celebration of Judy Swanson as this year's Living Treasure Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, at the Grand Event Center. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the program begins at 7:30. The original drawings of some of her commercial artwork will be on display. Several downtown businesses have donated funding or in-kind support to the event. Past Living Treasure recipients and members of the City Council have been personally invited to the event. Publicity is going out to news media, KYMN Radio, Northfield.org, and Facebook.	
Sidewalk Poetry	Flom has applied for a Carleton Sesquicentennial Community Fellowship (summer internships for students) to work on updating the Sidewalk Poetry map, both the paper and the online versions. The application has been	

	received and Flom has been invited to submit additional information. The kickoff event for the 2017 Sidewalk Poetry Contest will be Jan. 28 at 2 pm in the Atrium of the Public Library. Flom has met with Jim Bohnhoff about updating the Poetry brochures and posters.	
Stephan Koplowitz – "The Northfield Experience"	Ewald reported Koplowitz is returning in February to begin selecting locations for his "Northfield Experience" events.	
Art In City Hall	Melby reported on a new show with the Northfield Historical Society in City Hall to be displayed in January and February. The exhibit following that will have a theme on the outdoors.	
Convention & Visitors Bureau Report	Gilbertson reported there is a new committee dedicated to the CVB website and calendar. She will do what she can to make sure arts events are included and inform artists how they can get their events listed on the site.	
City Council Community Comment On Arts & Culture	Several commissioners commented on the need for routine reporting of the areas in which the ACC is active on an ongoing basis, to keep the Council members aware of our activities and initiatives. There was consensus to appear before the Council monthly in the brief time allowed at the onset of the meeting for public comment.	
Public Sculpture	Gleason reported we have capacities and ideas for public sculpture but no funding. Sculpture pads have been installed at the intersection of Hwy. 3 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. and at the historic train depot. We could consider approaching the City Council for some funding for installation of sculptures.	
<b>Other</b>		
Public Art Policy And Follow-up On The "State Of The Arts" Event	Gleason and Ewald have been meeting as a Public Art Policy subcommittee to gather information on public art policies used by other cities. Ewald reported that the next step would be a meeting involving members of the community to discuss a public art policy. The Public Art Policy could be part of a larger Cultural Plan for the city. We have no funding for either the creation or implementation of the policy, but we may need a consultant to facilitate the formulation of the Public Art Plan and /or a Cultural Plan. Public participation in the creation process would be important to achieve buy-in from various constituencies. The Public Art Policy and Cultural Plan will be a primary agenda item for the February ACC meeting. Hauck has agreed to contact consultant Sharon Rodning Bash to explore the possibility of working with her as we create a Cultural Plan. Next steps: meeting of the Public Art Policy subcommittee; establish connections with the business community; hold public meetings to gather input; compile a list of elements of the needs and possibilities for arts planning in Northfield; draw up a list of potentially interested parties to invite into the discussion (the list of participants in the November 3, 2016, "State of the Arts" event will provide a good start).	
<b>Adjournment</b>		
Adjournment	Time: 5:55 p.m.	Motion: Gleason Second: Ewald Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.