



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** April 10, 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), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), Jill Ewald, Cynthia Gilbertson, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby [Regular Appointees], Danny Allin [Youth Representative].

Members absent: David Carter [Regular Appointee], Olivia Archambault, Jariya Goerwitz [Youth Representatives].

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

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:32 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	The agenda was approved as written with the addition of a discussion of amending procedure for initiating public works.	Motion: Gilbertson Second: Melby Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of March 13, 2016	Approved as written.	Motion: Gleason Second by: Ewald Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom introduced Rob Hardy who is celebrating the publication of his new book <i>Domestication: Collected Poems 1996-2016</i> , which sold out at Content Bookstore at the book's debut. Ewald is the recipient of a SEMAC grant "Pathways From There To Now." There was a K-12 student art show, "Artopia," presented at the Arts Guild in late March. It was coordinated by Hauck and other art faculty members and was huge success. Allin reported numerous concerts being presented in the Public Schools. Melby reported on an events coming up at the NAG in late April and May. The Arts Guild has two new staff members funded by a grant from the Ames Foundation that have just started work; this will strengthen the Northfield Arts Guild's programming.	
Northfield In Bloom Proposed Honeybee Garden	Pat Allen and Judy Code from Northfield In Bloom, which often partners with the Northfield Garden Club, is proposing to install a new honeybee-shaped flower garden in the Pollinator Garden in Riverside Park south of River Park Mall. There already are two insect-shaped gardens, a butterfly and a dragonfly, in the Pollinator Garden. The Park Board approved the full concept of the Pollinator Garden about 5 years ago. We do not yet have a public art policy in place, but Gleason pointed out that we feel it is unlikely that any policy we develop would be in conflict with this proposal. Gleason moved that "The ACC endorses the plan by Northfield In Bloom to install the proposed Honeybee-shaped garden and that we support the Park Department's approval of the plan."	Motion: Gleason Second: Hauck. Approved.
Public Art Policy	Flom reported that we have looked at several comparable policies from other cities. A set of guidelines has been drafted and will be taken up at our next meeting.	
Cultural Planning	Melby reported that an arts visioning group has developed in Northfield. She related the history of the group over the past couple of years. It functions as a subcommittee of the NDDC, and is composed of concerned citizens. Topics of discussion have included marketing of art in Northfield, arts events, integrating arts marketing into city planning, and possible future venues for art. We decided to invite the Arts Visioning Group of the NDDC to share their vision at our May ACC meeting, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Hauck pointed out the ACC needs to align our planning with the city's strategic plan. Hauck also noted the decision process will involve numerous	

	stakeholders in the city and we need to work on setting up a collaborative plan with other city officers and staff and commissions. Hauck has received a proposal from arts consultant Sharon Rodning Bash, who specializes in cultural planning, but the estimated cost is \$25,000. The process could involve a series of retreats as described in the proposal. Melby wondered if we could share the cost by involving other municipal arts groups from Faribault, Owatonna or Cannon Falls. Gilbertson asked if we could tailor the consultation plan to fit the project into a limited budget. Jensen suggested we should work on setting our own goals for the process before we commit to a consultant, and make sure our direction is aligned with the strategic plan that the city is developing.	
	Updates	
Poet Laureate	Hardy reported many new events and his new web site within the Library's web site. Events include readings, a poetry workshop at the High School involving 60 students, and a poetry slam at the middle school this week. There will be a poetry workshop at Greenvale School. Hardy also did a poetry reading at a concert at the Arts Guild last Friday where several music groups performed. During National Poetry Month (April), he is posting a new poem every day on his Poet Laureate Facebook page. Arrangements are starting to be made for events to take place in the fall. For the first time, the Poem In Your Pocket poetry will include some poems in Spanish.	
Sidewalk Poetry	Flom reported that the Sidewalk Poetry Contest judging went well. Ten winning poems were selected from the record number of 156 poems submitted. She was pleased with the results of the contest.	
Carleton Fellowship	A candidate has been identified and will be in place this summer to revise the city's sidewalk poetry map, both the online and printed versions. Hardy, Gleason and Flom interviewed the candidate and report that the skills she brings to the position match extremely well with the objectives of the project.	
	Other	
	Adjournment	
Adjournment	Time: 6:03 p.m.	Motion: Gleason Second: Hauck Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.