



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** June 12, 2017 **Location:** Northfield

Public Library meeting room.

Scheduled start time: 4:30 p.m. **Scheduled adjourn time:** 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Timothy Vick (Secretary), Jill Ewald, Cynthia Gilbertson, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby [Regular Appointees], Jariya Goerwitz [Youth Representative].

Members absent: Bonnie Jean Flom (Chair), Kent McWilliams, [Regular Appointee], Danny Allin, Olivia Archambault [Youth Representatives].

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

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:33 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda		Motion: Gilbertson Second: Granquist Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 8, 2017	Gilbertson expressed appreciation for the quality of the minutes.	Motion: Ewald Second by: Melby Approved.
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Rush noted that Beauty and The Beast opens on Friday at the Paradise Theater. Jensen distributed a brochure celebrating arts and culture in the Minnesota Regional Public library Systems and fielded questions from commissioners about how the Minnesota Legacy Amendment funding is used by the libraries. Melby reported that the High School Honor Art Show was amazingly good this year, with works of a quality that were near-professional. Shakespeare's play <i>The Tempest</i> , being produced by the NAG, opened this week in Central Park. Hauck reported that the High School Young Sculptors Project grant for next year has been approved by SEMAC. Melby reported that she attended the exciting Rural Arts And Culture summit in Morris, MN. The Summit is targeted to discuss arts development for small towns of under 5,000. Gleason praised Carleton College for the renovation of the historic Scoville Library which has been restored to its traditional quality – he identified it as “probably one of the architectural treasures of the city now.” The building now houses the Admissions and Financial Aid offices. Gleason reported that the mayor of Dundas has announced that the city will be acquiring the "Between Earth and Sky" sculpture, created by Mac Gimse, and will be installing it at a location on the bike trail.	
City Strategic Plan Update - Jensen	Jensen reported that city department heads have been asked to suggest topics for the Strategic Plan which the city will be creating, but there is no team in the planning process designated to work on Arts and Culture. In conversation with Ben Martig, Jensen suggested that Arts and Culture be included as a form of tourism by developing Northfield's sense of place, an idea that struck a chord and is now included in the plan. She suggests the ACC use the new Public Arts Policy as a motivator to initiate action at the city level. Hauck commented that communication between the ACC and city staff will be critical in coordinating our activities between groups.	
Public Art Policy Approval	Gleason suggested a wording change to the Art In Public Places draft policy draft as distributed before the meeting, recommending approval of the policy by the City Council. A motion to approve the policy as originally presented was requested by Gleason, and moved by Hauck and seconded by	Motion: Hauck Second by: Ewald Approved.

	Ewald. A second motion to approve the draft policy as amended was moved by Ewald and seconded by Melby. Motion approved.	
Cultural Planning - ArtsLab Cohort - Hauck & Melby	Melby reported on the Peer Learning Cohort series of workshops entitled "Leveraging Creativity In Community" with Sharon Rodning Bash, to be held over the course of four weekends this coming fall and winter. The Northfield ACC (Melby) applied to participate in the Cohort and was accepted along with several other small cities. Hauck commented on what the Northfielders could gain from participation. Our cohort will consist of: Teresa Jensen (Library, ACC); Karna Hauck (ACC, art teacher); Todd Bornhauser or Lisa Peterson (Chamber/CVB, EDA); Daphne McCoy (NDDC Arts Visioning group, for-profit arts business owner); Rhonda Pownell (Mayor), and Alyssa Herzog Melby (Arts Guild, ACC). Melby pointed out that participation will help us get started on creating a cultural plan for the city at little or no financial cost to the city.	
	Updates	
Poet Laureate - Hardy	Since he could not attend, Hardy submitted a written report on his activities in April, his May trip to Greece to study Greek language and culture, and announcing the formal launch of his book, an adaption of Aeschylus' <i>Oresteia</i> to be published in July by Hero Now Theatre in Minneapolis.	
Sidewalk Poetry	A selection of poems with various types of Carleton connections have been approved for installation in sidewalks around the new concert hall attached to the Weitz Center. The Carleton connections include topics, themes and authors associated with Carleton	
Carleton Fellowship	The Carleton intern working on the new Sidewalk Poetry map has proposed comprehensive publicity for the Sidewalk Poetry initiative far more extensive than simply editing and creating a new Poetry map.	
Save The Depot - Alice Thomas	Thomas was unable to attend the ACC meeting, but did present two sessions explaining redevelopment of the historic Depot at the Public Library as well as one at the Rotary Club.	
Convention & Visitors Bureau - Gilbertson	Gilbertson reported that the CVB has now elected a chair and needs to be apprised of the need for encouraging Northfield's sense of place as part of their marketing strategy.	
Confirm ACC Retreat Date of Aug. 15, 2017, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Gleason asked if Poet Laureate Hardy could attend the ACC summer retreat. The location of the retreat is still to be determined, although Carleton, St. Olaf, the Arts Guild, and the Public Library are all possibilities. Youth ACC members are invited and encouraged to attend the retreat. Commissioners are encouraged to submit agenda items to Chairperson Flom.	
	Other	
Summer Schedule	There will be no ACC meeting in July.	
ACC Membership	Kent McWilliams has been appointed to replace David Carter for two years as Carter is going on sabbatical from his teaching duties at St. Olaf.	
	Adjournment	
Adjournment	Time: 5:57 p.m.	Motion: Ewald Second: Hauck Approved.

Submitted by Timothy Vick, Secretary.