



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** September 11, 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], Ann Beimers, Jariya Goerwitz, Hannah Singh [Youth Representatives].

Members absent: Kent McWilliams [Regular Appointee], Danny Allin, [Youth Representative].

Others present: Kathy Rush (Staff Liaison), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas (Northfield Round Table)

Item	Discussion	Action
Call to Order	Time 4:32 p.m.	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved as written.	Motion: Ewald Second: Gleason Approved.
Public comment	No public comment.	
Approval of Minutes from the retreat meeting of Aug. 15, 2017	Corrections to the Minutes from the Retreat Meeting of Aug. 15, 2017: Hauck asked that wording in the strategic plan update to be modified to read "Hauck wants the ACC to be pro-active in advocating for the arts in the city." In the Recognitions entry, Gleason asked to correct the spelling of Penzance.	Motion: Vick Second by: Ewald Approved.
Introductions	New youth representatives Ann Beimers and Hannah Singh were welcomed.	
Arts And Culture Recognitions	Flom noted Hauck's birthday today and congratulated her. Melby has resigned her position as Executive Director of the Northfield Arts Guild and taken a new position at St. Olaf College; however, she will continue on the ACC.	
Arts Corridor - Looking Back (Alice Thomas)	Thomas, representing the Northfield Round Table, presented a summary of the history of the Arts Corridor at Hwy. 3 & 3 rd St. and the concept which was developed by the Round Table with the guidance of landscape architect Bill Johnson. At this point, Northfield has four resources to help it go forward: 1) Public input at Round Table workshops presented by Bill Johnson, who visited from Michigan seven times since 2013 to conduct planning workshops. 2) MNDOT: MNDOT supports the implementation of "Context-Sensitive Solutions" (CSS). Cities must make a request for them in a resolution passed by the city council, which Northfield has done for the intersection of Hwy 3 and 3 rd St.. 3) The city itself: The City's Council's resolution endorsing CSS and also the Comprehensive Plan which contains language for developing the arts as part of Northfield's fabric. 4) Beautify Northfield, a coalition of organizations interested in various aspects of Northfield's artistic and cultural presentation to visitors and community members.	
Arts Corridor - Looking Ahead	Thomas recommends we focus on getting the Arts Corridor started with the Hwy. 3 & 3 rd St. intersection, and then expanding over time. Flom noted that this aligns with an earlier discussion at the ACC Retreat when a completion of the Arts Corridor "in phases" was discussed. ACC members have arts expertise that can be helpful in designing the corridor's components. Flom recommends setting up a committee with membership from Beautify Northfield, the ACC and the Round Table. Thomas noted that one of MNDOT's concerns is slowing down traffic on Hwy. 3 and artistic elements help achieve that goal. Gleason noted the lack of financial resources to fund an initial art installation to get the project started. He suggested using some existing sculptures owned by the city as possible first artworks at the intersection. Jensen suggested a presentation to the City Administrator about the Arts Corridor project would help familiarize him	

	with the concept. The ACC Arts Corridor committee (Gleason, Flom, Ewald, Jensen) will meet to set the stage for expanding the group. Youth members Singh, Beimers, and Goerwitz have also volunteered to serve on the committee.	
ACC Goals 2017-18 (continued from the retreat)	Flom reviewed the goals brainstormed at the August retreat. The 2017-18 ACC Goals are still in the development phase. Discussion will continue at the October meeting.	
ArtsLab Peer Learning Community Cohort	Hauck reported that a meeting with the Northfield ArtsLab Cohort Group is scheduled for Friday including six members of the community: Mayor Pownell, Hauck, Arts Guild Education and Volunteer Manager Megan Proft, Lisa Peterson from the CVB, Northfield Dance Academy Director Daphne McCoy and Jensen. The cohort teams will meet in a retreat setting four times in 2017-18, talking about arts needs in their communities, bringing goals together and making a plan for how we want to take our community forward with respect to arts and culture. The Northfield cohort will be joining eleven other communities in the ArtsLab experience, including Faribault, Winona, Eagan, and St. Louis Park.	
	Updates (As Applicable)	
Poet Laureate - Hardy	Hardy was not able to attend the meeting but submitted a written report for August 2017, including readings of newly composed poems at the Sidewalk Poetry Capstone event and the Northfield Arts Guild. Other readings included one at Winona's First Tuesday Laureate Reading Series. He is preparing for the Northfield Poet Laureate day-long SEMAC Capstone event on September 30 th , as well as a visit to Northfield the following week by poet Leila Chatti, the 2017-18 Wallace Poetry Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.	
Sidewalk Poetry	The ACC hosted a well-attended SEMAC Capstone Sidewalk Poetry celebration on August 17 th on Bridge Square. She is proceeding with the grant application for 2018 in collaboration with Kathy Rush, ACC City Staff Liaison. She proposes to conduct a survey to gather feedback from our 46 winning poets from past years to include in the 2017 SEMAC Grant Final Report. A Sidewalk Poetry survey will also be conducted with community members and visitors to Northfield. The new Sidewalk Poetry map being developed by Carleton student fellow, Mary Kate Hall, is near completion. Mary Kate has also updated the audio map accessible on the City website. Bryanna Sudman and Sean Simonson of the City Engineering Department have worked in partnership with Mary Kate, including the implementation of Snap Code access to the Sidewalk Poetry project.	
Public Art Policy	Flom and Gleason presented the draft Public Art Policy to City Council, and got review and feedback. Jensen is putting finishing touches on the draft to return to Council for a vote.	
Living Treasure Award	Flom invited ACC members to consider becoming involved in the coordination of the Living Treasure Award program and contact her if interested.	
The Northfield Experience	Jensen circulated a flyer about the Northfield Experience scheduled for May 2018. Stephen Koplowitz is coming Sept. 25, and will speak at the Library and this event should be of interest to ACC commissioners.	
	Other	
	Ewald is getting ready to install a new art show in City Hall in October, the theme to be "Winter."	
	Gleason announced an Open House and inaugural concert at the new Music and Performance Commons in the Weitz Center For Creativity at Carleton College Saturday, Sept. 16.	
	Adjournment	
Adjournment	Time: 6:00 p.m.	Motion: Gleason Second: Melby Approved.

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