



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** August 13, 2018 **Location:** Northfield Public Library meeting room.

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

Members present: Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Bonnie Jean Flom, Paula Granquist, Heather Lawrenz [Regular Appointees], Hannah Singh, Harper Bechtel, Robby Swenson [Youth Representatives]

Members absent: Ann Beimers [Youth Representative].

Others present: Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Alice Thomas

Call to Order at 4:30pm by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

Approval of Agenda Motion: Flom
Second: Lawrenz
Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Thomas: Still waiting for a response from SEMAC regarding the Depot's request to move statue.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of July 9, 2018 Motion: Flom
Approved with amendments. Second: Granquist
Approved unanimously.

Official Welcome to New Youth Members Harper Bechtel and Robby Swenson

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Flom: Dundas hosted a lovely dedication of the sculpture "Between Earth & Sky," by Mac Gimse.

Lawrenz: "Woven Lives" is up now through August 25th featuring work by art educators.

Hauck: The art teachers appreciate the Guild providing this opportunity to show their work.

Lawrenz: Creating Community Club has an exhibit up at the Guild, Art & Ale is coming up this Saturday, and there's a Parkview Artists show at FiftyNorth through August 31st.

Granquist: Bridge Chamber Music Festival starts on Thursday and runs for a couple of weeks.

Lawrenz: CASTastrophe is Sept. 6-8 at the Arts Guild Theater, and the Riverfront Fine Arts Festival is Sept. 8-9.

Arts Advocacy in the City

Members shared relevant news from the public meetings of other Boards and Commissions.

ACTION: Ask Jensen if there's been a change in how to access minutes through the website.

"State of the Arts 2018" and Cultural Plan

State of the Arts 2018 will take place Wednesday, Aug. 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm at Imminent Brewing.

Discussed detailed plans for the event. **ACTION: Plan to attend, arrive by 6pm if possible. ACC members will take notes at each table. Minutes will be kept and notice of the event will be given.**

Downtown Banner Policy

The proposed policy was discussed in depth. Members raised questions and suggested clarifications.

Public Art Review Committee for Division St. Project

Some invitations have been extended, but the PARC is still being put together and has not met yet.

Project Updates

4X4 Gateway: No August meeting.

Poet Laureate (Hardy): In addition to written report, Hardy reported that he will be participating in a series of connected poetry and visual arts classes at FiftyNorth throughout the fall, winter, and spring.

Sidewalk Poetry (Flom): Celebration will be held at Bridge Square on Aug. 30th at 7pm. **ACTION: Attend if you can. The following members will arrive early to help out: Granquist, Gleason, Beimers, Ewald, and Gilbertson.**

Convention and Visitors Bureau: No July meeting.

Art In City Hall (Lawrenz): The next show will be “Art of the Print”

Adjourned at 5:56pm Motion: Gleason
Second: Flom
Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.