



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Sept. 10, 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 President), Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Harper Bechtel [Youth Representative], Ann Beimers [Youth Representative], Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Paula Granquist, Kana Hauck, Heather Lawrenz, Hannah Singh [Youth Representative].

Members absent: Robby Swenson [Youth Representative].

Others present: Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Kathy Rush Vizina (Staff Liaison), Ben Martig (City Administrator), Jenni Roney (NDDC), Marie Fischer (Northfield Union of Youth)

Call to Order at 4:31pm by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

Approval of Agenda Motion: Ewald
Second: Flom

Agenda amended to add approval of Minutes of State of the Arts Meeting, Aug. 22, 2018.

Motion to approve as amended Motion: Ewald
Second: Granquist
Approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Marie Fischer, Arts Coordinator for the Northfield Union of Youth ("The Key") introduced herself.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of August 13, 2018 Motion: Lawrenz
Second: Gilbertson
Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of August 22, 2018

After some discussion, Members concluded that it would be better to bundle minutes with the results of the discussion, which are still being compiled.

Motion to table agenda item until the next meeting Motion: Flom
Second: Ewald
Approved unanimously.

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Hardy: First Poetry Night this Thursday at Content with Kai Carlson-Wee, Sat. Sept. 29th Northfield Poetry Festival begins with readings at Content at 10:00am, one-person show "Leaves of Grass -- Illuminated" Sept. 30th at 7:30pm at the Arts Guild Theater, Poet Bao Phi will be at Content on Oct. 1st at 7pm.

Lawrenz: Thank you to Alyssa and Karna for putting together such a successful event at the State of the Arts, and kudos to Bonnie Jean for the Sidewalk Poetry Capstone event.

Vizina: The original script "1855" is opening at the Paradise Theater in Faribault on Sept. 21st.

Lawrenz: This Friday night is the Artists Reception for the Member's Show, Population 485 starts Sept. 21st.

Bechtel: Rehearsal as begun at the High School for ____?

Jensen: Spanish Heritage Month celebration Saturday, Sept. 15th from 11-4.

First Fridays Update

Roney reported on the First Friday events so far. **ACTION: ACC can help by continuing to spread the word.**

Share the Facebook event, and if you know someone who would like to share their art that night, have them email Jenni and she'll find them a spot. The NDDC is looking for monthly sponsors (for \$350/month).

Arts Advocacy in the City —

No reports.

Discussion of Banner Policy —

Various changes were discussed

Motion to approve with changes, per discussion.

Motion: Hauck

Second: Flom

Approved unanimously.

Approve Revised Project Report —

Motion to approve

Motion: Ewald

Second: Flom

Approved unanimously.

Public Art Review Committee — proposed PARC for Sixth St. Kiosk & Sculpture at Hwy 3 & Third St.

Karna Hauck, ACC

Jill Ewald, ACC

Teresa Jensen, ACC

Sean Simonson, Public Works

Ben Martig, City Administrator

Lisa Peterson, CVB

Liz Robb Reppe (Armory)

Architect / Sculptural Engineer (TBD)

Motion to approve

Motion: Gilbertson

Second: Lawrenz

Approved unanimously.

Public Art Review Committee — proposed PARC for Banner Review

Motion to table approval until next month

Motion: Melby

Second: Ewald

Approved unanimously.

Additional Feedback on Cultural Plan & State of the Arts —

The Cohort will meet next week to incorporate the ideas that came up at the event (even though this will extend their involvement beyond the original one-year commitment).

SEMAC Grant Request —

After some discussion of possible subjects for a grant request in this cycle, Gleason offered to take the lead on writing a Sidewalk Poetry request, with the addition of welcoming Spanish language submissions, as well as obtaining translations for some of the winning poems from prior years.

Project Updates — questions or comments on reports

4x4 Gateway: See written report.

1% for the Arts: No report.

Poet Laureate: See written report.

Sidewalk Poetry: See written report. In addition, Flom emphasized what a great job the poets and judges did in presenting poetry, and how Hardy helped to bring them out and make them comfortable on stage. She also thanked everyone who helped make the event a success.

Young Sculptors Project (Hauck): The Sculpture Garden at the High School is now complete. Currently focusing on getting signage for it.

Convention and Visitors' Bureau: See written report.

Art In City Hall: See written report. **ACTION: Lawrenz would welcome learning names of print artists to notify about the upcoming show.**

Other Business

No other business.

Adjourned at 5:45pm Motion: Gleason
Second: Lawrenz
Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.