



## Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

**Meeting:** Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Nov. 12, 2018 **Location:** The Hideaway Coffee House

**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), Harper Bechtel (youth), Ann Beimers (youth), Paula Granquist, Bonnie Jean Flom, Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz, Hannah Singh (youth), Robby Swenson (youth)

**Members absent:** Jill Ewald

**Others present:** Kathy Rush Vizina (Staff Liaison), Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate)

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

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

**Public Comment**  
No public comment.

### Approval of Minutes from meeting of Oct. 8, 2018

Lawrenz: made two corrections.

amended..... Motion to approve as  
Motion: Lawrenz  
Second: Flom  
Approved  
unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes from Cultural Plan Meeting, August 22, 2018**..... Motion: Gilbertson  
Second: Hauck  
Approved  
unanimously.

### Poet Laureate's Report

In addition to his written report, Hardy alerted the Commission to the survey he is preparing to distribute to the community. The goal is to gain insight into what aspects of the program will be most important to continue, as he begins to plan for the end of his term. There was some discussion of the terms of his appointment, and there was general agreement that he has set the bar very high for future poets in this position.

### Arts & Culture Recognitions

Flom: *Our Town* just completed a very successful run at the High School. Youth member Bechtel performed in it and reported that it was a very rewarding experience.

Lawrenz: Thank you to Hauck, Katherine Norrie, and Chris Holmquist for putting together another successful Portfolio Day at the High School.

Hauck: Portfolio Day was exciting for students. It's a unique opportunity for students to meet with working artists. Thank you to the eleven artists who participated.

Flom: Looking forward to the sculpture dedication ceremony on Friday, Nov. 16th. Wants to recognize the work and commitment of Alice and Bruce Thomas.

Lawrenz: Ole Artisan's Bizarre will be opening soon at St. Olaf in Buntrock Commons.

Bechtel: Northfield Dance Academy is performing *Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra* on Dec. 1st at 1pm at the Weitz Center.

Beimers: High School Jazz Band will perform a concert on Nov. 30th. Beimers and Swenson will be performing.

Herzog Melby: Attended *Bring the Sing* at St. Olaf on Nov. 9th and it was “really amazing.” The theme is using music to support social justice. It is a traveling show that will be performed around the state.  
Lawrenz: This year’s Winter Walk, on Dec. 6th, will include a lot of art.

#### Arts Advocacy in the City

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

#### 6th & Division PARC Update

Hauck: The RFP was sent to over 16,000 recipients. Currently fielding a lot of email inquiries.

#### Approve members for Banners PARC

Motion to table this agenda item until December meeting..... Motion: Flom  
Second: Gilbertson  
Approved unanimously.

#### Cultural Plan

Most recent draft was reviewed and a couple of changes suggested. **ACTIONS: Herzog Melby will make the necessary changes and talk to Jensen about when to bring the Cultural Plan before the City Council.**

Motion to approve, with changes as discussed..... Motion: Flom  
Second: Granquist  
Approved unanimously.

#### Recruitment of new ACC members and 2019 Officer Slate

Herzog Melby reported on the number of applicants so far for the open positions. Additional applications would be welcome and should be encouraged. Gilbertson offered to continue as Secretary, assuming she is appointed for a second term. **ACTION: Herzog Melby and Gleason will discuss the officer slate.**

#### Artists on Main Street Grant and Initiatives

Herzog Melby reported that the grant request was approved. **ACTION: Herzog Melby will attend a meeting in Mankato on Nov. 30th and report back.**

#### Other Project Updates

4x4 Gateway Corridor (Melby): No additions to written report.

Cultural Plan (Melby): No additions to written report.

Sidewalk Poetry (Flom): In addition to her written report, Flom underscored the positive comments made by the SEMAC review panel about both our Sidewalk Poetry and Poet Laureate proposals.

Living Treasure Award (Flom): No additions to written report. Youth members are deciding who will serve on the Selection Committee.

Convention and Visitors’ Bureau (Gilbertson): No October meeting.

Art in City Hall (Ewald): In addition to written report, Lawrenz reported that the current show, The Art of the Print, has brought in new participants.

#### Other Business

No other business.

**Adjourned at 5:18pm** ..... Motion: Flom  
Second: Lawrenz  
Approved

unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.