



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Dec. 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), Harper Bechtel (youth), Ann Beimers (youth), Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Mark Gleason (Vice-Chair), Paula Granquist, Hannah Singh (youth)

Members absent: Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz, Robby Swenson (youth)

Others present: Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison)

Call to Order at 4:32pm by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

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

Public Comment
No public comment.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of Nov. 12, 2018 Motion: Singh
Second: Flom
Approved with
corrections.

Poet Laureate Report

In addition to written report (Hardy): The slam poetry workshop at the Key on Dec. 13th is for youth ages 13-19, and youth will be encouraged to sign up for the poetry slam at Northfield High School on Jan. 18th. Currently making arrangements for poet Christopher Bakken to visit in February.

Motion to move Matt Rohn from the EQC to later in the agenda, after he arrives..... Motion:
Gilbertson
Second: Flom
Approved unanimously.

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Melby: Let's celebrate our accomplishments this year. All of our goals for the year are moving forward.

Flom: Many things to celebrate, including the current Art in City Hall exhibit, the selection of the Living Treasure Award recipient, Donna Paulsen, and grants awarded this year for the Poet Laureate program and Sidewalk Poetry.

Beimers: Swenson had a solo in the Traditions Concert, with the High School Choir.

Hardy: Young People's Guide to the Orchestra was excellent, and there was a great show at the Contented Cow during Winter Walk.

Gleason: Young People's Guide was truly a great performance, Bechtel danced the role of the harp.

Granquist: Appreciated Carleton President Poskanzer's words at Carleton's Community Holiday Party about helping young people to prepare to be a part of a community like Northfield.

Singh: St. Olaf's Christmas Fest was very successful this year.

Melby: NDDC was awarded an Artists on Main Street grant.

Flom: Thanks to Alice and Bruce Thomas for the sculpture dedication ceremony. They have done so much work to get the sculpture installed. Ceremony was lovely and well attended.

Arts Advocacy in the City

Members shared relevant news from the public meetings of other Boards and Commissions, and signed up to write a column every other month for the Northfield News. **ACTION: Melby send list of people signed up to write to**

Philip Weyhe at Northfield News and find Mayor Pownell's editorial that included mention of the ACC.

Cultural Plan Update

Melby: The subcommittee is putting the finishing touches on the layout of the Cultural Plan this month. Would like to communicate with relevant boards & commissions during January and ask them to support it. **ACTION: Get on the January agenda, if you signed up to present the Plan at a public meeting. ACTION: Melby send out talking points by 12/28.**

6th & Division St. PARC Update

Jensen: PARC has received 14 qualifying submissions. Will meet on Dec. 19th to review them as a group. Jensen is enthusiastic about the possibilities, based on her initial review of the submissions.

Sidewalk Poetry -- Parameters for the Year

Members brainstormed about how to encourage poets to submit poetry in Spanish. **ACTION: Bechtel & Beimers will talk to Plus coordinators about a poetry workshop; Flom and/or Hardy to contact Companeros program teachers and send to Mar Valdecantos (to forward onto radio show and Spanish language newspaper).** **ACTION: Melby will follow up with CRWP to have them promote the water theme.** The kickoff event will be Saturday, Jan. 26th at 2pm in the atrium of the library.

Recruitment of New Members and Officers for 2019

The City has received applications for the three spots opening in January, and we should learn who is approved later this month. Melby will serve as Chair for another year, and we will be looking for a new Chair after 2019.

ACTION: Members are encouraged to consider serving as vice-chair in 2019, in preparation for serving as Chair in 2020.

Other Project Updates

Artists on Mainstreet (Melby): In addition to the information shared in her written report, Melby clarified that any public art funded through this initiative will go through the PARC process.

Living Treasure Award (Flom): In addition to the information shared in her written report, Flom noted that Paulsen has agreed to perform at the award ceremony, and that By All Means Graphics will generously provide printed programs again this year. **ACTION: A subcommittee will be formed to discuss possible changes to the process. Formation of the subcommittee will be a February agenda item.**

4x4 Gateway Corridor: No addition to written report.

Sidewalk Poetry: No addition to written report.

Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Gilbertson): The CVB has a few seats opening in January and is seeking interested people to apply, particularly with a connection to history/festivals or sports tourism.

Art in City Hall (Ewald): Hearing some good comments about the Art of the Print show. It will be up into April.

Other Business

No other business.

Adjourned at 5:51pm

Motion: Gleason
Second: Granquist
Approved

unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.