



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Jan. 14, 2019 **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), Arnab Chakladar, Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Mark Gleason, Paula Granquist, Heather Lawrenz (Vice-Chair), Hannah Singh (youth), Robby Swenson (youth)

Members absent: Karna Hauck

Others present: Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush-Vizina (Staff Liaison)

Call to Order at 4:34pm by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of Minutes from meeting of Dec. 10, 2018 Motion: Gleason
Second: Lawrenz
Approved

unanimously.

Welcome to New and Reappointed ACC Members

Members introduced themselves.

Approval of Officer Slate for 2019

Alyssa Melby (Chair), Heather Lawrenz (Vice Chair), Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary) Motion: Flom
Second: Ewald
Approved

unanimously.

Poet Laureate's Report

Additions to written report: Encourages everyone to attend the event at Carleton College on Wed. Jan. 16th at 6pm with writer Li-Young Lee accompanied by sitarist David Whetstone; the "Be Heard" poetry slam is happening at the Northfield High School on Friday, Jan. 18th at 8pm; Hardy will be reading a poem at WINGS annual meeting and at the Living Treasure award ceremony on Jan. 28th; Hardy has talked to a Northfield News reporter about the sidewalk poetry contest; talking to people at Laura Baker School about putting together programming there; a poetry recitation group is getting started; Facebook is a good place to check for future events. **ACTION: Put discussion of possible PARC for selecting next Poet Laureate on the February agenda.**

Arts & Culture Recognitions

Lawrenz: All Schools Show just opened at the Arts Guild. It makes you smile, full of color, incredible to see the progression through the grades represented; Imagination Celebration is Saturday, Jan. 19th, 10am-2pm.

Beimers: Got chosen along with others to be in Honors Art, excited to be part of show at the Guild, etc.

Lawrenz: Open house with artists at Imminent Brewing from 5-6:30pm,

Chakladar: the Li-Young Lee event will be unique, during part of the event he will be reading his own poetry, and at other times he will be accompanied by David Whetstone on the sitar.

Bechtel: Deon Haider is starting a new teen improv program later this month, and a program for adults will be held on Jan 26th.

Granquist: Arts for Martin at Arcadia is on Friday Jan. 18th at 7pm. The speaker is St. Olaf professor Paul Briggs.

Melby: The City's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration promises to be rich with the arts. Jan. 21st at 7pm at Emmaus Church.

Arts Advocacy in the City

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

Review 2019 ACC Work Plan

Members discussed proposed work plan and made adjustments.

Motion to approve amended work plan Motion: Flom
Second: Gleason
Approved unanimously.

Set 2019 Goals

After some discussion, members set the following goals for 2019: (1) Promoting a 1% ordinance for the arts, (2) approving and implementing the Cultural Plan, (3) working toward development of an Arts Corridor, and (4) increasing awareness of the work of the ACC through communication and advocacy efforts.

Motion to approve 2019 Goals Motion:
Gilbertson
Second: Singh
Approved unanimously.

Sign Up for Liaison/Advocacy with Other Commissions

Motion to table this item and put it on the February agenda Motion: Melby
Second: Ewald
Approved unanimously.

Living Treasure Award Update (Flom)

Added to written report: Would greatly appreciate ACC members' attendance at the award ceremony. **ACTION: Let Flom know if you will be there.** Special thanks to Lawrenz and Hardy for their efforts on Facebook promoting the event. FiftyNorth is hosting, providing facilities and refreshments, Rob Shanilec is again donating printed program, and the Northfield News purchases the award and name plate for City Hall.

Sidewalk Poetry Update

Northfield News reporter Anne Kopas is writing a feature article about the Sidewalk Poetry competition. She's interested in the fact that we are welcoming submissions in Spanish. Kick-off event is scheduled for 2pm in the Library Atrium Jan. 26th. The poster has been printed in Spanish and English. Poems are due by 8pm Feb. 28th. **ACTION: Help put up posters about the kick-off.** Thank you to Mark Gleason for taking the lead on writing the grant. We will be reaching out to Spanish teachers, as well as English teachers, to make sure they know about the competition.

Approve PARC for Banners

Proposed PARC: Heather Lawrenz, Cynthia Gilbertson, a Heritage Preservation Commission representative, Teresa Jensen, a Public Works representative, and an NDDC representative Motion: Ewald
Second: Gleason
Approved unanimously.

Other Project Updates

Artists on Main Street (Melby): Addition to written report: Jenni Roney has taken a new position with Community Ed and will find someone to fill her spot.

Cultural Plan: Addition to written report: Pushing back presenting it to City Council to March work session, again big thank you to Karna Hauck for doing the design and formatting of the Plan.

6th and Division St. PARC (Jensen): The committee has selected 3 finalists from 14 submissions, have notified the finalists, and have given them their first stipends. On Jan. 23rd they will pitch their proposals to the PARC. This will be a closed meeting. The design proposal will be publicized once the final selection has been made.

4x4 Gateway Corridor: Addition to written report: Thanks to the advocacy of Alice Thomas, the plans for repaving Third St. within the Arts Corridor have been changed to include art. A new visual will be presented to City Council tomorrow and will be on the Council's agenda Jan. 22nd. **ACTION: Contact your City Councilor to express your support.**

Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Gilbertson): Some new Board members were selected for 2019, plans for website redesign have been abandoned.

Art in City Hall (Ewald): Addition to written report: would welcome ideas about how to frame a "We Are Water" theme for a future exhibit.

Other Business

Flom: ACC members are asked to help hang posters promoting the Sidewalk Poetry kick-off event.

Adjourned at 6:00 pm Motion: Gleason
Second: Lawrenz
Approved

unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.