



## Arts and Culture Commission

### MEETING MINUTES RECORD

**Meeting:** Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** Apr. 8, 2019 **Location:** Northfield Public Library meeting room.

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

**Members present:** Harper Bechtel (youth), Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Mark Gleason, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz, Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Hannah Singh (youth),

**Members absent:** Ann Beimers (youth), Arnab Chakladar, Robby Swenson (youth)

**Others present:** Emy Bess, Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush-Vizina (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas, Mayor Rhonda Pownell

**1. Call to Order** at 4:31 p.m. by Alyssa Herzog-Melby, Chair

**2. Approval of Agenda**

3Melby: Adds Item 7a: Approval of St. Olaf's revised banners.

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

**3. Public Comment**

No public comment.

**4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Mar. 11, 2019**

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of Mar. 11, 2019.	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Ewald
	Approved unanimously.

**5. Poet Laureate Report (Hardy)**

Concerned about snow predicted for later this week, because of poets traveling to town.

Will be delivering boxes of poems to downtown businesses for Poem in Your Pocket Day.

**ACTION:** If you send Hardy a video of yourself reading a poem by April 18th he will post it on Facebook.

Flom: Underscores Hardy's support of local poets, upcoming event with Leslie Schultz is just one example.

**6. Arts & Culture Recognitions**

Hauck: Arts á la Carte at Northfield High School, Apr. 26, 5:30-9pm.

Melby: There is a video on the St. Olaf site of Anna Deavere Smith's presentation on campus, but it's up for only two more days. To find it, search for "multimedia."

Lawrenz: *The Secret Garden* runs Apr. 12-28 at the Guild Theater; Artists mixer at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Apr. 23, 5-6:30pm, open to all artists.

**7. Arts Advocacy in the City**

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

### 7a. Approve Revised St. Olaf Banners

The ePARC has reviewed and approved the banner redesign.

Motion to approve St. Olaf's redesigned banner.	Motion: Lawrenze
	Second: Singh
	Approved unanimously.

### 8. Cultural Plan

Members discussed the scope of work of each implementation subcommittee and how to recruit people to serve.

**ACTIONS:** Melby will send out invitation information to use when asking people if they are interested in serving on a sub-committee, including who to email if you are interested. Members should continue to consider how they will contribute to the implementation of the Cultural Plan.

### 9. 2019 ACC Advocacy and Subcommittees

Members were encouraged to sign up to report on the work of other Boards and Commissions and to serve on subcommittees doing the work of the ACC.

### 10. Sidewalk Poetry Update

Flom (addition to written report): The poems are now in the hands of the judges, and they have scheduled a time to get together to make the selections. Thank you to Kathy Vizina for making the copies for the judges. Flom would like to recognize Bill North for the enormous amount of help he provided.

### 11. Other Project Updates

Artists on Main Street Initiative (Melby): The deadline is Friday. **ACTION:** Melby will send out a reminder of the deadline to everyone who attended the workshops.

Young Sculptors' Project (Hauck, addition to written report): It is great to find an artist who is on the COMPAS roster, because these artists have experience working with youth.

Living Treasure Award: No addition to report.

4X4 Gateway Corridor subcommittee (Melby): The Roundtable is interested in moving forward with Arts Town banners. They will be asking the City Council to add a new category of banner to the City's banner policy.

Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Gilbertson): The CVB did not meet in March.

Art in City Hall (Ewald): Jury met this morning, looking at submissions. A big thank you to Kathy Vizina who does amazing work, printing and organizing and communicating with the artists. Nine artists showing 18 works of art. Six of the nine have never submitted before, perhaps because the guidelines were broadened to include people who work in Northfield but do not live in town. **ACTION:** Talk to the new artists to see how they found out about it. Installing May 1st, reception on June 11th before the City Council Meeting.

### 12. Other Business

No other business.

### 13. Adjourned at 5:41 pm

Motion to adjourn	Motion: Gleason
	Second: Flom
	Approved unanimously.

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.