



Arts and Culture Commission

MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** May 13, 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), Ann Beimers (youth), Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Mark Gleason, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz (Vice Chair), Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Hannah Singh (youth)

Members absent: Arnab Chakladar, Jill Ewald, Robby Swenson (youth)

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

1. Call to Order at 4:35 p.m. by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Flom
	Approved unanimously.

Hauck: Item 12.a, “HS Sculpture Contest”, should read “Young Sculptors Project.”

Motion to approve agenda as corrected.	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Flom
	Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of Apr. 8, 2019

Gilbertson: There are two typographical errors to correct.

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of Apr. 8, 2019 as corrected.	Motion: Granquist
	Second: Lawrenz
	Approved unanimously.

5. Poet Laureate Report (Hardy)

Addition to written report: Really enjoyed working at the Middle School. Learned during Leslie Shultz’s event that Hot Spot is a really great place for poetry readings. Bella Callery, the Arcadia student who won Poetry Out Loud, will recite one of her poems at a future School Board meeting.

Flom: Thank you Rob for the wonderful event at Hot Spot. It was intergenerational, great to add the music element.

Hardy: Clarified that the Poetry Box will open and the poem inside can be changed. No applicants yet for Poet Laureate. Expressed willingness to continue on until we find the next one.

6. Sidewalk Poetry Update

No additions to written report.

7. Arts & Culture Recognitions

Beimers: Honors Art Show opens at the Arts Guild on Wednesday, reception May 17th from 7-9pm, with artist talks at 7:30. It will be up through June 8th.

Lawrenz: Riverfront Fine Arts Festival applications due May 31st; The Troubadours Spring Concert at 3pm on May 19th at Bethel Lutheran; The Pink Unicorn, May 18th at 7:30pm, May 19th at 2pm at the Arts Guild Theater; Show “We Are Water: Watershed” at the Arts Guild June 14th through July 29th, Grand Opening Party June 29th from 10am to 2pm, Artist Reception July 12th at 7:30pm.

Lawrenz: Ewald says huge thanks to Karna Hauck for keeping the student art shows going on the second floor of City Hall.

8. Arts Advocacy in the City

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

9. City Banners

a. RFP for Banners out

Jensen updated the ACC on the status of the RFP. Next step is to find a date after June 7th for the PARC to meet.

b. Discuss “Banner Type Resolution” from 4X4 Gateway Corridor Subcommittee

Melby shared the resolution drafted by the subcommittee.

10. Artists on Main Street Initiative — Review projects — How Can ACC Support?

Melby shared descriptions of the ten projects that have been chosen for funding. They will be temporary installations going up at various times throughout the year.

11. Cultural Plan

a. Updates on recruitment for subcommittees

In particular, the Working Together and Creative Placemaking subcommittees could still use more people.

ACTION: Subcommittees should schedule their first meeting by June 1st.

b. Review tasks for each subcommittee

Members discussed the tasks of the various subcommittees.

12. Other Project Updates

a. Young Sculptors Project (Hauck): Application was disqualified. Hauck is working on getting a full explanation. May apply again in October. Also looking for other grant options, particularly somewhere with a higher funding cap.

b. Living Treasure Award (Flom): Addition to written report: Others are invited to join the group.

c. Convention and Visitors’ Bureau (Gilbertson): No additions to written report

d. Art in City Hall (Lawrenz): Reception is June 11th at 5pm, just before the City Council Meeting.

13. Other Business

a. **Northfield News Articles:** Singh & Beimers will write an article for June.

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

Adjourned at 5:51 pm

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.