



Arts and Culture Commission MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** June 10, 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), Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Heather Lawrenz (Vice Chair), Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Hannah Singh (youth)

Members absent: Arnab Chakladar, Mark Gleason, Robby Swenson (youth)

Others present: Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush-Vizina (Staff Liaison)

1. **Call to Order** at 4:34 p.m. by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

2. Approval of Agenda

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| Motion to approve agenda | Motion: Singh |
| | Second: Beimers |
| | Approved unanimously. |

Gilbertson: Agenda item "HS Sculpture Contest" should read "Young Sculptors Project."

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

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 13, 2019

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| Motion to approve minutes from meeting of May 13, 2019 as corrected. | Motion: Flom |
| | Second: Granquist |
| | Approved unanimously. |

5. Poet Laureate Report

Hardy was not present but submitted a written report. Members discussed the process for finding a Poet Laureate to serve when Hardy's term ends.

6. Arts & Culture Recognitions

Flom: Lawrenz coordinated a lovely event at the Northfield Arts Guild to kick off the Artists on Mainstreet Initiative. It was held Friday, June 7th. Exciting to see the artists' excitement about being selected.

Bechtel: Recommends that everyone go see Mansfield Park, a Northfield Arts Guild production running on the High School stage from June 21-29.

Vizina: Pirate's Tale is opening this weekend at the Paradise in Faribault.

Lawrenz: There will be a joint Grand Opening Celebration for the "We Are Water" show on June 29th from 10 - 11 at the Arts Guild and 10 - 2 at the Weitz Center. Also, an associated free Lunch & Learn, "Nerstrand Big Woods and Climate Change," in the Main Gallery at the Arts Guild June 26th 11:30 - 12:30.

Jensen: Justin Roberts will be at Central Park this Wednesday for Books and Stars.

Granquist: Cannon Valley Makers is a new group looking to create a co-op for people who would use a maker space, Having their first planning meeting Monday, June 10th 7-9pm at the Cannon Valley Friends Meeting House. It's an open meeting to gather input from the community and answer questions.

7. Arts Advocacy in the City

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

8. City Banners

a. Review and vote on "Banner Type Resolution" from 4X4 Gateway Corridor Subcommittee

Members reviewed the new language.

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| Motion to approve Banner Type Resolution | Motion: Gilbertson |
| | Second: Lawrenz |
| | Approved unanimously. |

9. Artists on Main Street Initiative Update

Members discussed the current status of the projects. There were 82 people at the kick-off party.

10. Cultural Plan Update

a. Subcommittee Reports

Building the Brand subcommittee has met. Lots of energy around the idea of a community calendar. Will probably start with that project. Next two meetings set for June 24th at 4pm and July 29th at 4pm.

Working Together will meet for the first time this Friday.

Creative Placemaking will meet this Thursday at 5pm.

11. Other Project Updates

a. Young Sculptors Project (Hauck): Not present at this time. (See item 11e, below.)

b. Living Treasure Award (Flom): Still working on scheduling a group meeting.

(Jill Ewald arrived at 5:07pm.)

c. Convention and Visitors' Bureau (Gilbertson): **ACTION: Talk to Lisa Peterson about presenting at an ACC meeting about our shared goals and efforts, and making it easier for artists to join the Chamber of Commerce.**

(Karna Hauck arrived at 5:14pm.)

d. Art in City Hall (Lawrenz): Reception is June 11th from 5-6pm.

e. Young Sculptors Project (Hauck): Will apply again for a grant by October 1st. Students are expressing interest in the project. Applied for a grant though Youth Bank, but did not get it because we will be applying for another grant. Still optimistic that she will find a way to get the project funded and move forward.

12. Other Business

a. Any known absences from July and August meetings?

Commented [1]: I think that the minutes are supposed to follow the format of the Agenda, so that's why Karna's report is here, even though she didn't actually give her report until after she arrived. Not sure if this is the best way to handle it.

ACTION: Send a survey around to find out if we can expect a quorum in July or August.

b. Flom: Sidewalk Poetry kick-off will be Thursday, August 29th at 7pm on Bridge Square, music starting earlier.

c. Herzog-Melby: Fabulous article by Beimers & Singh in the Northfield News; we've appreciated their active participation in the ACC. **ACTION: Include the article in the July packet.**

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| Motion to adjourn | Motion: Beimers |
| | Second: Singh |
| | Approved unanimously. |

Adjourned at 5:29 pm

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.