



Arts and Culture Commission

MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** November 18, 2019 **Location:** Hideaway Coffeehouse

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

Members present: Harper Bechtel (youth), Arnab Chakladar, Jill Ewald, Bonnie Jean Flom, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Mark Gleason, Paula Granquist, Karna Hauck, Madeline McDermott (youth), Alyssa Herzog Melby (Chair), Robby Swensen (youth)

Members absent: Heather Lawrenz (Vice Chair), Edie Meehan (youth)

Others present: Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Kathy Rush-Vizena (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas

1. Call to Order at 4:32 p.m. by Alyssa Herzog Melby, Chair

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Public Comment

Thomas: The sculpture “Flame” is now lit at night. It looks great.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of October 14, 2019

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of October 14, 2019.	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Ewald
	Approved unanimously.

5. Poet Laureate Report

No additions to written report. Flom: Continued thanks and amazement at all Poet Laureate Rob Hardy does.

6. Arts & Culture Recognitions

Hauck: Little Shop of Horrors There are no words to describe how incredible it was. Very well performed and produced. Granquist: Like a Broadway show.

Hauck: Portfolio day at the Northfield Arts Guild was fantastic. A number of wonderful artists and 32 students. The students gained so much working one-on-one with the artists. Thankful for the relationship.

Rush-Vizina: The Paradise in Faribault has received funding for a “relaxed” version of Peter Pan.

Hauck: The Tom Petty tribute at the Paradise was amazing. Sara Peterson produced 21 pieces for it. Will be reprised at Imminent Brewing the day before Thanksgiving.

Jensen: City has hired Sam Temple, from the Paradise in Faribault, as new Northfield Community Television person.

7. Arts Advocacy in the City

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

8. Living Treasure Award

A. Selection Meeting (Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3-5pm) -- need volunteers.

Madeline McDermott and Jill Ewald will serve. **ACTION: they will be sent the packet.**

B. Deadline: November 18th (today)

Received two new nominations, including the first nomination of a group. ACC will officially approve the selection at the Dec. 9th meeting.

9. Board and Commissions Training Event Debrief

ACTION: Alyssa will send link to City's training for increasing diversity on City Boards and Commissions.

10. ACC Slate of Officers for Next Year

Lawrenz will be the Chair starting January 2020; Gilbertson will continue as Secretary. Looking for someone to step into the role of Vice-Chair.

11. 2020 Public Art Projects Update

Jensen: Art Info Kiosk continues to be worked on. Anchors and some cables have been installed. Library is working on maps to be installed in it. It will be color-coded and include all businesses with store fronts. The 246/Roundabout PARC has met once. Begun to narrow the focus, discussed a theme around the ecology of the area. Considering getting additional funds somehow, hoping that Gateway funding can be used for signage and landscaping.

12. Cultural Plan Implementation Update

- a. Building the Brand — no update
- b. Working Together
 - i. Feedback from first “arts and culture planners” meeting
 - Good first meeting. What mainly came out was looking for ways to communicate about planning and resources.
 - ii. Next steps: “events planning page” and planning calendar online
- c. Creative Placemaking
 - i. Mural policy
 - Subcommittee has been looking at Northfield's Art in Public Places Policy, noted that it doesn't cover murals on private property. Looking at policies used by other cities. Plan to amend the policy to cover that situation.
 - Hospital wants to commission art for inside the hospital; it will not be covered by the Art in Public Places Policy.
 - ii. Cultural District research
 - Looking into what would it mean, for practical purposes, to designate a Cultural District in Northfield. Will be reporting to City Council in February.

13. Other Project Updates (Questions or Comments on Written Reports)

- a. Artists on Mainstreet Initiative — Subcommittee members will be going to a meeting on Wednesday with other cities that are part of the program; will learn what is expected in Year 2 of the program.
- b. Young Sculptors Project — Waiting to hear from SEMAC about grant application.
- c. Convention and Visitors' Bureau: No addition to written report.
- d. Art in City Hall — There is interest in the next show, “The Beauty of the Count.” Artists are working on submissions, which are due in December. Show will be installed in early January.
- e. Sidewalk Poetry (Flom) — All 2018 poems have been installed on Washington Street. Four of the 2019 poems were installed on the north side of town. The remainder will be installed in 2020 along with the new 2020 poems. Thanks to Kathy Rush-Vizina for her help in the program, and especially with the reports. Anjelica Lender has been

working on translations. The map needs to be updated. There are only a few copies left, and it hasn't been updated since 2015. Looking forward to hearing from SEMAC regarding our grant application.

14. Other Business

- a. Northfield News article: Public Art (Alyssa, due noon on Nov. 25)

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

Adjourned at 5:19pm

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.