



Arts and Culture Commission

MEETING MINUTES RECORD

Meeting: Regular ACC Meeting **Date:** January 13, 2020 **Location:** Library Meeting Room

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

Members present: Harper Bechtel (youth), Todd Edwards, Cynthia Gilbertson (Secretary), Paula Granquist, Matt Klooster, Heather Lawrenz (Chair), Madeline McDermott (youth), Edie Meehan (youth)

Members absent: Karna Hauck, Alyssa Herzog Melby, Robby Swensen (youth)

Others present: Beth Kallestad, Rob Hardy (Poet Laureate) (left at 4:40pm), Teresa Jensen (Staff Liaison), Alice Thomas, Greg Siems

1. Call to Order at 4:30 p.m. by Heather Lawrenz, Chair

2. Approval of Agenda

Lawrenz: Would like to add Beth Kallestad, speaking on behalf of the Climate Action Plan, as item 7a.

Motion to approve agenda as amended.	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Klooster
	Approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 9, 2019

Motion to approve minutes from meeting of December 9, 2019.	Motion: Gilbertson
	Second: Edwards
	Approved unanimously.

5. Welcome to new and reappointed ACC Members

Todd Edwards and Matt Klooster introduced themselves. Karna Hauck has been reappointed.

6. Approve Officer Slate for 2020

Proposed slate is Heather Lawrenz, Chair; Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary. Still looking for a member to volunteer to serve as Vice Chair.

Motion to approve slate as proposed.	Motion: Granquist
	Second: Klooster
	Approved unanimously.

7. Poet Laureate Report

Hardy (additions to written report): Northfield is hosting the regional semi-finals of Poetry Out Loud on Feb 9th at 2pm. He will be away this fall but has some things set up to happen in his absence. For instance, Marie Gery will work on some events, and Emilio DeGrazia will be at the Northfield Arts Guild in September.

7a. Beth Kallestad, Northfield Climate Action Plan

Kallestad visited the ACC to make sure that the members are aware of the city's Climate Action Plan, and to invite them to be involved. In particular, she is interested in exploring ways that the arts could be used to convey information about the Plan. She would like to explore how the ACC could facilitate that happening, and the members were receptive to continuing a discussion about this topic.

8. Arts & Culture Recognitions and Announcements

Vizina: Seventy-eight young people showed up for Auditions at the Paradise for *Frozen Jr.*

Lawrenz: Over 50 students auditioned for *Prince and the Pauper* at the Northfield Arts Guild.

Lawrenz: The Member Show is up at the Northfield Arts Guild through Feb 8th.

Klooster: Such a good, beautiful opening for the Member Show. Lots of credit should go to Lawrenz.

Granquist: Echoing how beautiful the Member Show is, worth a visit.

Lawrenz: The show currently at the Paradise includes the work of their youngest artist ever: Kira, age 3.

Granquist: Arts for Martin at Arcadia is coming up this Friday.

Edwards: The play, *Translations*, is opening on February 8th at St. Olaf. Runs two weekends. Tickets can be purchased online at stolaf.edu/theater.

Lawrenz: *Lend Me a Tenor* opens February 14th at the Arts Guild Theater and runs through February 23rd. Fifth Year Emerging Artists Exhibition Reception will be Friday, February 21st 7-9pm at the Northfield Arts Guild in the Main Gallery.

Jensen: The library is going to start collecting vinyl records and will set up a listening station. Actively seeking donations. The records will be available to be checked out. Should be open within the next couple of months.

9. Sidewalk Poetry Update

Lawrenz: Kickoff event will be on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2pm at the Northfield Public Library.

10. Living Treasure Award Update

Lawrenz: Award ceremony will be on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7pm at FiftyNorth.

11. Arts Advocacy in the City

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

12. Public Art Update: Kiosk and the Roundabout Art

Jensen: The new information kiosk got lit last Friday. Signage includes two maps (currently just a mock-up) and a downtown business directory. The digital screen is currently blank, and it will be filled by the public relations department of the city. Lighting is still being adjusted.

13. Cultural Plan Implementation Update

- a. Building the Brand -- no update.
- b. Working Together -- no addition to written report
- c. Creative Placemaking (Lawrenz) -- Will be meeting on Tuesday. Working on what constitutes a "cultural district," both generally and in Northfield. Working on an appendix to the Art in Public Places policy that pertains to murals on public and private property.

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

- a. Artists on Mainstreet Initiative (Lawrenz) — Discussing the parameters for this year.
- b. Young Sculptors Project (McDermott) — Off to a great start. They will be taking a field trip to Minneapolis to see the artists' workplace and look at examples of outdoor art for inspiration.
- c. Youth Board Members Update -- no meeting last month
- d. Convention and Visitors' Bureau: No addition to written report.

- e. Art in City Hall (Lawrenz) — The show “The Beauty of the Count” in partnership with the Complete Count Committee is up. Eleven artists are included. A public reception will be held on Tuesday, March 3 from 5-6pm.
- f. Sidewalk Poetry (Lawrenz) — No addition to the report.

15. Other Business

Lawrenz directed the members’ attention to the Report of the ACC Projects Review Subcommittee from September, 2018. We will be continuing the conversation about what projects to maintain going forward.

Edwards: Expressed interest in starting a new annual event in Northfield. Raised questions about the process and how the ACC can assist. Members discussed what the ACC has to offer and agreed that this is a topic worthy of future discussion.

Motion to adjourn.	Motion: Edwards
	Second: Granquist
	Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:58pm

Submitted by Cynthia Gilbertson, Secretary.