

ACC Meeting Report, June 14, 2021

**Agenda Items relating to the historic district but no HPC authority:**

- 1) Sculpture at #3 & 3rd .** The sculptor, John Sterner is reviewing his contract with the City for the American Eagle sculpture that will be added on the site.
- 2) Arts Corridor Banners.** A PARC committee has been formed to review a revised design by the artist. Cliff is representing the HPC on the committee.
- 3) Stairs Poetry.** The risers on the stairs by the river next to the Carlson building have been painted in preparation for the stenciling of the poem. The first stencils did not work; another set will be used.
- 4) Sculpture at Library:** the public installation capstone event for the sculpture created by local high school students in the Young Sculptors Project was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Roundabout Sculpture:** The artist, Adam Turman, began work on the Roundabout mural on June 21<sup>st</sup> .
- 6) City Hall mosaic:** The City is planning to commission Lori Greene, a mosaic artist in Saint Paul, to create a mosaic mural for council chambers inspired by, and inclusive of, the people of Northfield.
- 7) Sidewalk Chalking:** A controversy has arisen about the applicability of a local ordinance prohibiting “defacement” of public sidewalks and the chalking of sidewalk by groups such as the recent “Say Their Names” project that included the voices and experiences of people who are not regularly represented in Northfield, and who don't have the easy access to public art-making.
- 8) Artists on Mainstreet (AOMS):** The theme of the year's AOMS is: “Building a Post-Pandemic Community”. The Northfield Downtown Development Corporation (NDDC) and PARC committee selected 5 artists to help fund their Creative Placemaking projects for their vision of a healthy post-pandemic community. Projects start this summer, and will be completed by Oct 31; for project details see <https://nddc.org/AOMS/>

**Agenda Items relating to the historic district involving the HPC.**

- 1) Mural Policy.** City Staff. Natalie and Mikayla, have been discussing the wording of the mural policy and where it should “live”. Natalie reported that if it needs a reference in city code it will take some more time.

Transportation Advisory Committee

**Items not relating to Historic District but could involve Locally Designated Historic Building (the depot).**

**1) Passenger Rail**

No update on the MN Legislative bill to authorize funds for the study and planning for the passenger rail line that would include Northfield .

**Items relating to the Locally Designated Historic Building involving the HPC.**

**2) Transit Hub**

The positive recommendations of the local designation by the HPC and PC will be sent to the Council later this summer. If the Council agrees that the depot should be a local historic site, the HPC is likely to be asked to comment on the design of the planned adjacent pavilion and transit hub projected to be constructed in Summer 2022.