

**April 6, 2022
6:30 PM**

I. Call to Order

Tom Sonnek called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM

II. Roll Call

Tom Sonnek, Chair
Trudy Ohnsorg, Vice Chair - Excused Absence
Julie Barrett, Commissioner - Resigned
Stacy Maher, Commissioner
Carey Nadeau, Commissioner
Lisa Wong, Council Representative

STAFF

Lisa Ritchie, Admin. Assistant
John Stark, City Manager – Note: John stayed for the

a. Attending via ZOOM

Attendee:

None

III. Adopt Agenda

Carey Nadeau made a motion to adopt the agenda with the proposed change and it was seconded by Stacy Maher. Motion carried to adopt the agenda with all present voting aye.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from 3/2/2022

Carey Nadeau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 2, 2022 meeting. Stacy Maher seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the agenda with all present voting aye.

V. Meeting Open to the Public

Note: This is a courtesy extended to persons wishing to address the committee who are not on the agenda. A completed public comment form should be presented to the Arts and Culture Commission Committee Secretary prior to the meeting; presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. This session will be limited to 15 minutes.

Attendee: None

VI. Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

None

VII. Old Business**A. *Potential Sponsors for “Snowy” project*****Summary:**

Trudy, Carey and Lisa met to discuss details for potential sponsors, timeline and budget for the proposed “Project Snowy”. See attached “Exhibit A” for details.

Tom had a “Not in length conversation” with Terry Furlong. Tom recommends the commission getting together with Hart again to see if he is on board with our idea.

Per Tom, Terry is thinking of using some of the CARES act \$. Per John. The finance director stated there isn’t any \$ in the cares act left. John did state there may be another option for funding. Tom informed of our project for Snowy and the process we are considering. There is been some conversations.

John’s input was to share the idea with Kari, so she can bring to the Business Association.

Take away’s – Carey, Lisa & Trudy to meet again and visit a few businesses. Support from city and Parks before visiting business association. Tom discussed potential sponsors with Mayor, Terry Furlong.

B. *Council Chambers wall art***Summary:**

Lisa did not have time to research. Stacy indicated partnering with Century College may be a potential for getting this task executed. Lisa Wong forwarded to Lisa Ritchie the picture that had been proposed to the Council but did not come to fruition. The art is made of 1/2" THICK ALUMINUM W/CHEMETAL APPLIED TO FACE. See attached “Exhibit B”

C. *Programming for the Art Cart - 8 events total***Summary:**

- *Music in the Park – Tree Collaborative Project (3)*

June 16th, July 21st and August 18th. Lisa has the activities planned and some supplies purchased for the events that are coordinated with Music in the Parks.

- *Car Show – Craft for adults & Kids (2)*

June 10 and September 9

It was decided the activity should be geared for adults and Kids. Some ideas are; fun run powder, sidewalk chalk and spray chalk (See Exhibit’s C).

- *Daytime in the Parks – (3 +*?)*

Mid-day events on the 4th week of June, July and August

Carey will work with Laura Karp for programming. *Possible additional evening event July 29th at Hause Park to coordinate with Food Truck night.

Action item – find volunteers; Next meeting – time for working out programming

Notes:

- *Legalities with volunteers – Per Soren N/A*
- *Possible collaborators – Juxta positions – Lisa Wong; Compas -Trudy; Century College - Stacy*

VIII. Reports from Staff

A. *Report on creating our own Facebook page*

Summary:

Yes, the North St Paul Arts & Culture can create their own Facebook page but cannot associate us with the city.

Action – Table our own & Utilize the cities Facebook site.

May – for volunteers

Create schedule for the year

B. *Simplified path to donate to the Arts & Culture on the city website*

Summary:

DONE

C. *Update on filling commission vacancy.*

Summary:

Posted – Per Lisa Wong

D. *Update on Call for Volunteers on city website*

Summary:

Posted – Per Lisa Wong

E. *Update on Art Cart event at Casey Lake/Music in the Parks*

Summary:

Lisa stated she has ordered some supplies for the event including die-cut hands for the leaves on the tree(s). It will be the same project at all 3 events. The number of children participating, will determine the number of Trees displayed in the library.

F. *ACC apparel design/logo*

Summary:

Design presented by Lisa R.

Feedback was that it was too “childish” for what the commission wants. Some suggestions were to create a new logo, minus the beret and paintbrush. Simple line art similar to the “Old North Saint Paul logo with the bottom circle off to the right. Stacy also suggested another design of using the current North Saint Paul logo and replacing “Extraordinaire” with “Arts & Culture Commission”.

Action:

Lisa will present 2 new designs at the next meeting.

G. *New design ideas for banners*

Summary:

Three designs were presented for review. The commission chose one of the three and asked for modifications. Lisa will present 2 more designs at the next meeting.

IX. Reports from Commissioners

A. *Stacy - Status of Bighley Auto Body painting the Art Cart*

Summary:

Stacey contacted Bighley Auto Body but they are too busy and not interested in this project. Per Stacey, Century College may have an Auto Body department and we could possibly collaborate with them.

B. *Tom - Update on mural RFP with Kii*

Summary:

Stacey inquired if the art commission was funding this and the answer was no.

Tom suggested, having Suzanne and Kii discuss the ideas and we will help facilitate the funding (with the contacts that Trudy and Carey spoke with regarding funding – see

spreadsheet: <https://app.smartsheet.com/sheets/hcw8VFGwfWgv8mc62qQQMjpVrg3PcmhXxPP4q3V1>

C. *Trudy - Online apparel website/host options*

Summary:

Being as Trudy was absent, this was tabled.

D. *Stacey - Update on art programs at colleges/student thesis collaboration possibilities*

Summary:

Stacey indicated she had contacted a teacher from the Century College Art Department and they are very interested in collaborating with our commission. The teacher even inquired about the possibility of a Century College Faculty Member becoming a commissioner on the North Saint Paul Arts & Culture Commission. Tom and Stacey plan to meet with the teacher and discuss possible collaboration opportunities.

E. *Tom - Update on the Chair/Vice Chair meeting with the city manager and city attorney.*

Summary:

Tom gave an overview of what was covered in the meeting (See Exhibit D).

X. Reports from Council Liaison

Summary:

- There are 2 events scheduled to clean up around the lakes. One at Casey and one at Silver
- The city-wide garage sale is scheduled for May 5th thru May 7th
- The city-wide clean-up is scheduled for April 30th
- The Planning Commission is working on Sign Ordinances and the Wayfinding Plan
- There is a new Children's Day Care opening and the ribbon cutting ceremony is coming up.

XI. Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Carey moved it and Stacy seconded the motion with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.