



City of North St. Paul
Arts & Culture Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2022
6:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Tom Sonnek called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

II. Roll Call

Tom Sonnek, Chair
Trudy Ohnsorg, Vice Chair
Stacy Maher, Commissioner
Carey Nadeau, Commissioner
Lisa Wong, Council Representative

STAFF

Lisa Ritchie, Admin. Assistant

Note: Also, in attendance were:

Mayor Terry Furlong
Rick Pratt – Rotary Club
Emily Haeg-Nguyen – soon to be Arts & Culture Commissioner
See Yang – soon to be Arts & Culture Commissioner

a. Attending via ZOOM

Attendee:

None

III. Adopt Agenda

Stacy Maher made a motion to adopt the agenda and it was seconded by Trudy Ohnsorg.
Motion carried to adopt the agenda with all present voting aye.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. Meeting Minutes from April 6th

Carey Nadeau made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting. Trudy Ohnsorg seconded the motion. Motion carried to approve the agenda with all present voting aye.

Notes

Trudy announced she will be moving to North Carolina. She would like to remain on a work committee. Tom confirmed she can be on a workgroup but will not be able to vote.

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.

Tom Sonnek stated that as we were interviewing a couple of people for Julie's position, there were 2 very good candidates for consideration so now that Trudy will also be leaving the commission, there are 2 spots to fill so both candidates were welcomed as new commissioners to the Arts & Culture Commission. Tom introduced the new commissioners as: Emily Haeg Nguyen and See Yang. Emily moved to North St. Paul 1.5 years ago and is excited to be here and meet all of the commissioners. Emily's background is in communications. See Yang has lived in North St. Paul 4 years. She works for the State of Minnesota.

Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

A. Rotary Clock

Rick gave an introduction of the Rotary Club and a Clock.

The symbol of the Rotary Club is a gear. Which is incorporated in the clocks. All things that have happened at Rotary Club started out as a conversation and if there is interest, it gets presented the Rotary board.

Terry stated in his point of view, the Clock is a work of art. Being as we have a "downtown" unlike neighboring cities, it would be a great place for a clock.

Tom indicated he feels the Arts Commission would be to help pick out the style and placement.

Rick indicated the cost can be from 15K to 30K. Being as the Rotary Club is North St. Paul, Maplewood Oakdale. The club would donate the same amount to each city.

There needs to be electricity where ever the clock is located.

Terry indicated he is working on getting funds from the city.

Tom inquired about the Rotary being a 501 c 3, which it is. They have worked to fundraise for projects in collaboration in the community.

Rick suggested matching funds from the district.

Compelling story to the clock especially since we are going thru a renaissance and the clock fits the town.

Rick concluded for the next board meeting he would like some idea of what the commission is thinking.

Trudy – Rotary Club and Arts Commission are in alignment and she would like to see collaboration between the two groups.

Improving lives locally and globally is the Rotary's mission statement.

Tom stated it reminds him somewhat of the Rock project at Vets Park. We can provide guidance for the project and our public works and electric department can provide support with labor.

Per Rick, the timeframe 210 day from when the project is ordered to delivery. Tom stated this could be a 2023 project.

Rick will keep the vendor of the clock up to date. He stated there are members who have connections and are fond of North St. Paul.

Snowy Project...

Action items:

- Update 1-pager to Terry
- Meeting with Hart Johnson – Best Practices, Fundraisers
- Ideas on how to involve the community

B. Team changes –

Trudy will be leaving the commission as a commissioner as she is moving out of state. We have 2 new commissioners that are replacing Julie and Trudy's positions.

C. Art Cart –

- Promote on Facebook
- Laura has materials she will share with us. (word out to students)
- Potential Projects:
 - Pinata in the Park
 - Slime

D. Project Snowy – Trudy presented the proposed 1-pager. The following action items were a result of the conversation regarding project Snowy:

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- Meeting with Hart Johnson – Best Practices, Fundraisers
- Ideas on how to involve the community

E. Fall Festival - Partnering with Parks & Rec Commission

Tabled for next meeting

VII. Reports from Staff

A. Update on the 135-year Anniversary Banner

Lisa presented the revised banner and it was given the thumbs up to proceed with production.

B. Update on Arts & Culture Commission Logo

The logo that was presented at the last meeting was discussed in a council workshop and it was pointed out that the logo must stay consistent with the city branding. It was suggested to refer to the Park logo for reference. Stacy inquired about doing different colors in the background. The commission reviewed the Park Fund Logo and the discussion was around how we can take what we like from the Park Logo and move forward with the design for the Arts & Culture Logo. There was discussion around coming up with something to give the logo an artistic flair. Stacy would like

to incorporate a rainbow for the background color. Lisa will take next steps to get feedback from the city approval of the logo.

VIII. Reports from Commissioners

Stacy – None

Carey – None

Trudy – None

Tom – Zoom chat with Luv Ice Cream and Ky. Ky will work on a new design as the proposed is too expensive. The goal is to take the complexity down to get the price down. Ky has a guy that paints murals for \$300 per day that he will get an estimate for painting it.

Lisa stated we need to discuss the funding for this as we had previously thought we could work with the contact that Trudy has. Per Trudy, this project is not the right fit for the Arts & Humanities Center. As it doesn't have a humanities aspect to the project

IX. Reports from Council Liaison

Lisa Wong – Mac's will have having their grand opening in July. There is also a grand opening for the new tattoo studio in town. Techie Dudes is another new business in town. There was a workshop about outdoor seating and the Park Improvement Plan was approved

Staff Report

Per Lisa Ritchie – All of the happenings within the city have been summed up except for the use of ballfields this summer. There is a lot more use this year than there was last year. North St. Paul Youth Baseball Association is a newly formed organization which has provided baseball opportunities of all ages.

VI. Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Stacy moved it and Trudy seconded the motion with all present voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts & Culture Commission meeting is June 1, 2022