

**Arts & Culture Commission
Meeting Minutes 9/7/2022**

I. Call to Order

Tom called the meeting to order at _6:31_____

II. Roll Call

- Tom Sonnek, Chair
- Carey Nadeau, Commissioner
- Stacy Maher, Commissioner
- Emily Haeg Nguyen, Commissioner – Absent Excused
- See Yang, Commissioner
- Commissioner Lisa Wong, Council Member - joined later
- Staff Lisa Ritchie, Commission Secretary

III. Adopt Agenda

Carey made a motion to adopt the agenda. See seconded the motion. All voting present voting AYE. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Stacy made a motion to approve the August 3, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction to Item D. Change to Tom & Carey. Carey seconded the motion. All voting present voting AYE. Motion passed.

Carey made a motion to approve the August 17, 2022 meeting minutes See seconded the motion. All voting present voting AYE. Motion passed.

V. Meeting Open to the Public

No one from the public was in attendance

Per Tom - Someone from P&C was intending to attend but didn't show.

VI. Commission Business, Action Items & Recommendations

A. Project Snowy Update

Snowy will be picked up on Tuesday at 11:00 AM. Tivoli too will paint white and add our logo.

Stacy met with Terry Furlong. Terry would like an updated flyer as soon as possible. Stacy indicated he hopes that after tonight. See will update the flyer. There was conversation about the draft that was reviewed by Kari Erpenbach. See will update the flyer before the end of the week and send to Lisa R. Carey stated she thinks North High will be a sponsor.

Tom will pick up Snowy from Public Works. Business cards with QR Code was an idea to purchase and pass out at the parade.

Tom suggested we use this years funds to purchase merchandising and promo material. Stacy mentioned we would need to order by November so we can get it for this years budget. She also likes the idea of a big flag hanging on Tom's truck.

***make vehicle signage - Project Snowy coming 2023 with QR code.

***order candy

***order decorations for parade (stay under \$6K)

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Tom will pick up on Snowy Thursday

B. Mural Update

Tom's questions:

- Is there downtown beautification funds available?
- Is there potential for the Arts & Culture Commission funds to be used? \$1000
- Owners

Tom stated that the owners of Luv's Ice Cream are excited to work with Ky on this project. Tom originally told Ky the project would be in the \$7K to \$10K

***Check with Dan on the downtown beautification money

There was discussion of other public locations for murals. Stacy suggested projecting an artist installation on the Snowman.

C. Art Cart Update – Year end purchase

Bins for Art Cart

Stickers for Art Cart

T-Shirts – order (Red Bubble) (Custom Ink) – Size to be sent to Lisa R. – Rush Order

Car Show on Friday

D. Fall Event with Parks & Rec

2 people have signed up so far

Currently it is advertised on our website and newsletter.

Carey also sent to 200(+) artists

Stacy thinks we should also do face to face with people

Lisa Wong inquired if there is an opportunity to reach out to Farmers

Market – WBL Market Fest, Pride Festival

Performers – Tom states he can get a Classical Indian Dance organization to perform. He asked for others if had suggestions for performers.

Tom inquired if we could pay for someone to perform out of the Arts & Culture funds? The commission agreed that we could hire a band. It was agreed that if anyone knows a performer that would be interested they should follow up with them. Lisa Wong stated John Stahlman was a potential. Tom suggested 4 acts for ½ hour each. Stacy has a connection with someone who has does African Drumming. See may have a connection.

***Take aways –

- Email Tom if anyone has an interest.
- Share the vendor sign-up on personal social media.

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E. Grant Writing

From previous conversations, most grants are project based. The Council would prefer to have a heads-up if we have a project we would like to seek funds for.

Per Tom, over the next few months, let's think ahead of what we want to do. Carey stated it would be good to review our Pinterest site and locations.

***Next meeting -

- Budget discussion
- Review Pinterest
- Art Cart for next year
- MRAC – Grant writing
- Per Lisa – Craig Waldron is connecting students with grant writing.
- Commission suggests going for \$60K for murals next year and plan on 3 murals.
- Art (info to come from Lisa Wong)
- Compass – Lisa R to contact Matt to see if he can meet to discuss or come to an Arts meeting.
- 2023 plan and membership discussion – Project List – Link to Trudy's Smartsheet

VII. Reports from Staff:
None

VIII. Reports from Commissioners

Carey suggested a North High student to be on the Commission. Non-voting member. Tom liked the idea of having 2 students.

It was decided to put out a call for this. It has to be a North St Paul Resident. Send to 4 guidance counselors.

Carey will put something together

Stacy has done direct connections for Fall Fest

See – Nothing to report

Tom – Budget sent to Dan for 2023 is \$12000

- Mural Projects
- Art Installations
- Utility Box Wraps
- Snowy Project
- Art Cart supplies

IX. Reports from Council Liaison

Lisa stated Brian Frandle is our new city manager. Council approved Sidewalk and outdoor seating. A process will be in place to get permitting for this. There was also discussion on the Murals for the Silos.

Council has been working on budgets for 2023.

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X. Adjournment

Stacy made a motion to adjourn and Carey seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:42.