



**Arts & Culture Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025
6:30 PM**

North St. Paul City Hall – Council Chambers
2400 Margaret Street

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Carey Nadeau called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION

Tom Sonnek, Chair - Absence Excused
Carey Nadeau, Vice-Chair - Present
Amanda Black, Commissioner - Present
Sharon Clark-Williams, Commissioner - Present
Laura Strang, Commissioner - Present
Raquel Soto, Commissioner – Absence Excused

STAFF/LIAISONS

Troy Woods, City Council Liaison - Present
Jordyn Lehman, Staff Liaison - Present

III. ADOPT AGENDA

Vice-Chair Nadeau called for a motion to adopt the January 8, 2025 meeting agenda.
M/Black, S/Strang
Motion carried 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of December 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Vice-Chair Nadeau asked for a motion to approve the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes.
M/Clark-Williams, S/Black
Motion carried 4-0.

V. MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public comments.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

VII. COMMISSION BUSINESS, ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Commissioner Sharon Clark-Williams made a motion to appoint Tom Sonnek Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Strang motioned to appoint Carey Nadeau as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Events for 2025 with Ava Griemert

Ava Griemert began the presentation by asking the Commissioners about their work and interests. Griemert continued the presentation by outlining expectations for Commissioners and the ways they can aid staff in upcoming Arts and Culture Commission led events. Griemert requested that the Commission create Sub-committees for the placeholder event and the Autumn Arts Festival. The Commission agreed to wait till the next commission meeting to create the two sub-committees.

C. Sub-Committee Updates

1- Utility Boxes

Commissioner Strang noted that the images for the heart hands utility boxes that were sent to Ava Griemert were not a high enough quality. Commissioner Strang intends on sending Ava Griemert a link through canva so she may have access to the individual photos. Commissioner Strang is hopeful that they will be able to move forward with a finished art piece soon. Commissioner Clark-Williams stated that the status of the veteran's utility box is unchanged.

2- Murals

Commissioners noted that the murals looked great.

3- Art Cart

Commissioner Black noted that the Art Cart has a large amount of supplies. She believes that once some organization is done and inventory is taken the Commission would be in the position to plan all the Art Cart events.

4- Paint and Sip

Vice-Chair Nadeau noted the project is on hold until the budget is passed. Vice-Chair Nadeau also noted that Ava Griemert recommended a swing dance night. Vice-Chair Nadeau stated that she has some new ideas for Paint and Sip and that what is left to be done is to get the schedule worked out with the Casey building.

5- Placeholder Project

Commissioner Black noted that she would like to see this project to be more related to culture.

6- Student Commissioner Applicant

Vice-Chair Nadeau discussed her interview with the applicant for the Student Commissioner of the Arts and Culture Commission. Vice-Chair Nadeau stated that she was impressed by this candidate and would like to recommend him for the position as Student Commissioner.

7- Public Arts Project

Commissioner Black noted that Commissioner Soto was interested in joining the Sub-Committee for the Public Arts Project and asked if any other Commissioners would be interested. Vice-Chair Nadeau and Commissioner Strang both noted interest in the Sub-Committee.



VIII. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff had no updates.

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners had no updates.

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Vice-Chair Carey Nadeau asked Councilor Troy Woods if there was any updates on the Community Center. Troy noted that City Manager Brian Frandle plans on meeting with the consultants who are doing the feasibility study. Once the feasibility study is completed the City Council will make a decision on the Community Center

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Nadeau asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.
M/Strang, S/Clark-Williams
Motion carried 4-0.

The next regularly scheduled Arts and Culture Commission Meeting is Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM.