



**Arts & Culture Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2026
6:30 PM**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Nadeau called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

COMMISSION

Tom Sonnek, Chair – Absent Excused
Carey Nadeau, Vice-Chair - Present
Ashley Perfect, Commissioner – Absent Excused
Sharon Clark-Williams, Commissioner – Present
Laura Strang, Commissioner – Absent Unexcused
Raquel Soto, Commissioner – Present
Aliza Verma, Commissioner – Absent Unexcused
Yued Orozco-Garcia, Student Commissioner – Absent Unexcused
Troy Woods, Council Liaison – Present

STAFF/LIAISONS

Jordyn Lehman, Staff Liaison – Present

Quorum was not met. No official motions, votes, or recommendations were made by the Commissioners present. Commissioners present discussed project updates before adjourning.

III. COMMISSION BUSINESS, ACTION ITEMS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Sub-Committee Updates

1- Murals

Commissioner Clark-Williams noted the sub-committee is looking into installing a monument marker that highlights North St. Paul's geographic position on the 45th parallel. The idea has received staff approval. The sub-committee will now start to gather more project details.

Vice-Chair Nadeau also noted that the VFW has reached out to City staff and is interested in putting a mural on their building.

2- Utility Boxes

Commissioner Clark-Williams shared that Minnesota Photography utility box at Silver Lake Park call for artists is currently being reviewed by staff and hopefully will be sent out soon.

3- Public Art Project

Vice-Chair Nadeau shared that her and Chair Sonnek presented the Coin Press at the March 17th City Council meeting. Currently the sub-committee is gathering reference images to give to Penny Press USA to create designs for the press.

4- Art Night/Art Cart

Vice-Chair Nadeau confirmed volunteers for the Music in the Park Art Cart activities. She also noted that the Commission will need to determine what project they would like to do for the Big Truck Night at the Car Show as well as the Community Craft Project at the Autumn Arts Festival.

Vice-Chair Nadeau reported that the Art Night with Lisa Ritchie was a success and shared examples of the craft made that night. Next Art Night is the cookie decorating on 4/16 and then candle making on 5/7.

5- Spoken-Word Poetry Slam

Commissioner Clark-Williams shared that staff had reviewed the idea and suggested the activity should take place at the Autumn Arts Festival which the sub-committee agreed.

VIII. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Staff liaison Lehman noted that Art Night and the Art Cart draws funds from two separate accounts so to ensure accounting is accurate the two budgets will remain separate on the budget tracking sheet.

Lehman also noted that budget proposals are due from late June to early July and let the Commission know that will be an upcoming topic of discussion.

Both the 2026 Event Calendar and 2026 Budget Tracker Sheet were listed on the staff reports.

IX. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice-Chair Nadeau shared that former ACC Commissioner Amanda Black has art featured in the St. Paul Arts Collective free coloring book.

Commissioner Clark-Williams had no updates related to City business.

Commissioner Soto had no updates related to City business.

X. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Council Liaison Troy Woods thanked Chair Sonnek, Vice-Chair Nadeau, and Commissioner Soto for presenting the Coin Press to the City Council at the March 17th meeting. Woods also shared the dates for the City Wide Clean Up Day and Garage Sale.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Nadeau asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 PM.

The next regularly scheduled Arts and Culture Commission Meeting is Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM