

# Arts and Culture Task Force Meeting

Notes from November 7, 2019

Attendance: Heidi Bacon, Gary Stone, Art Kenyon, Ruth Nerhaugen, Joan Halgren, Magie Paynter, Bonnie Schock, Emily Foos, Laurel Stinson, Megan Tsui, Stephanie Rogers, David Culver, Brian Peterson, Mayor Dowse

If you missed any of the meeting, please feel free to participate in the next meeting.

After introductions the group reviewed and discussed the notes from the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was discussion that the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting did not appear to have a consensus about what the next step should be. Brian Peterson explained that he and the mayor thought that there appeared to be some agreement with Laurel Stinson's email message that was read at the last meeting and so they thought the next best step would be to present a draft recommendation focused on a Arts and Culture Commission. The Task Force would have a more specific proposal that it could respond to and the recommendation could either be refined or lead in a different direction.

With this in mind, the Task Force discussed the draft recommendation. What is shown below is the draft with some commentary related to the Task Force conversation.

## Draft Recommendation

Purpose. The purpose of the Arts and Culture Commission is to provide advice to the City Council concerning arts and culture programs, policies, public projects, issues and initiatives confronting the City. The Commission shall work to further the city's vision statement: Red Wing thrives as a creative regional arts and culture hub where every resident can participate.

**Commentary: Members thought that the purpose statement could be strengthened and be a stronger statement of Advocacy for Arts and Culture?**

Powers and Duties.

- A. Draft and recommend an Arts and Culture Plan for City Council consideration and approval.

**Commentary: OK**

- B. Assist and advise the City Council, Red Wing Port Authority, Red Wing Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Advisory Planning Commission, and other city boards and

commissions on matters of public policy that would advance the City's goal to cultivate a collaborative environment where arts and culture can flourish.

**Commentary: We might want to use different language where it refers to public policy.**

C. Convene and facilitate efforts with City Departments, the Arts and Culture Nonprofit Organizations, and the entire community to identify and pursue the use of indoor/outdoor spaces in creative ways that support artistic experiences and strengthen our economy.

**Commentary: Members wanted this to be reworded.**

D. Work with City Departments to develop procedures to streamline the process for the permitting of arts and cultural events, programs, and projects.

**Commentary: This should be clear that we are talking about city permitting.**

E. Request that the City Council authorize submittal of grants, other funding requests and cultivate public/private partnerships that further the City's arts and cultural goals, along with authorizing studies on matters pertaining to arts and culture.

**Commentary: OK**

F. Establish educational programs and public forums that provide information to community residents, businesses, and other institutions about arts and cultural issues and initiatives.

**Commentary: Task Force members thought that this should be less about education and more about public information and communication.**

G. Establish arts and cultural programs, volunteer opportunities and initiatives that encourage and engage a broad spectrum of community residents.

**Commentary: This should be eliminated. Diversity and inclusion in arts and culture should be added.**

H. Provide advice to the City Council about specific public art and community placemaking initiatives that will occupy public lands.

**Commentary: Should add statement about developing criteria to streamline this process.**

I. Be an advocate for Arts and Culture in the Community.

**Commentary: This has been reformatted.**

At one point the group was asked for a show of hands to see how people felt about recommending a commission rather than some other organizational approach. There were 11 for the general recommendation for a commission; 1 person undecided; the Mayor and Brian did not vote.

The Task Force decided to delegate a subcommittee to work on wording changes. That group will be made up of the following: Megan Tsui, Art Kenyon, David Culver, Emily Foos, and David Culver. They plan to meet on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at the Ignite Building. All are welcome.

The Task Force also agreed to meet in two weeks on **November 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Foot Room of the Red Wing Library** to review a second draft of the recommendation and to continue our discussion. Please feel free to attend whether you have been able to attend the other meetings or not.