

Arts and Culture Task Force Meeting

Notes from November 21, 2019

Attendance: Heidi Bacon, Gary Stone, Art Kenyon, Ruth Nerhaugen, Joan Halgren, Maggie Paynter, Bonnie Schock, Emily Foos, Megan Tsui, Stephanie Rogers, David Culver, Curt Gruhl, Anna Ostendorf, Becky Poss, Michael Anderson, Dan Rogness, Brian Peterson, Mayor Dowse

After introductions the group reviewed and discussed recommendations made by a subcommittee that met on November 14th to revise the recommendations that were presented and discussed at the November 7th Task Force Meeting. The subcommittee's recommendations are listed below with commentary from the November 21, 2019 meeting. 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.

Recommendations Reviewed at the November 21, 2019 Meeting with Commentary from the meeting.

Commentary: Members had a general consensus to revise the purpose statement. Below is the revised statement with revised language shown as either ~~deleted~~ or added.

Purpose.

The Arts and Culture Commission will advise the City Council concerning Arts and Culture ~~arts and culture programs~~, policies, public projects, issues and initiatives and will be a fierce advocate for Arts and Culture in Red Wing. The Commission will work to ensure an inclusive and cross-cultural environment to help build community. The Commission shall work to further the city's Arts and Culture vision statement: Red Wing thrives as a creative regional arts and culture hub where everyone can participate.

Commentary: Members had a general consensus to revise the list of Powers and Duties shown below as either ~~deleted~~ or added.

Powers and Duties.

- A. Support and advocate for Arts and Culture by demonstrating how the people of Red Wing and the region are better off ~~because~~ when Arts and Culture are an integrated part of the community.

- B. Draft and recommend ~~an~~ Arts and Culture Plans for City Council consideration and approval.
- C. Assist and advise the City Council, ~~Red Wing Port Authority, Red Wing Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Advisory Planning Commission, and other~~ **and its 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.
- D. Identify and facilitate **early** collaboration and joint planning among city departments, public agencies, and private organizations to ensure Art and Culture are represented in projects (including capital projects) and policy.
- E. Work with City Departments to develop procedures to streamline the process for City permitting of Arts and ~~Culture Cultural~~ events, programs, and projects.
- ~~F. Leverage individual, corporate, foundation, other governmental, and city funding for Arts and Cultural activities.~~
- F. Advise the City Council on submittal of grants and other funding requests as well as cultivate public/private partnerships that further the City's Arts and Culture goals.**
- G. Foster ~~programs~~ **initiatives** and public forums that provide information to ~~community resident's individuals, businesses, and other institutions about arts and cultural~~ **community resident's individuals**, businesses, and other institutions about **Arts and Culture** issues and initiatives.
- H. Provide recommendations to the City Council about public art, ~~and~~ community placemaking initiatives, **and the built environment**.
- ~~I. Be an advocate for Arts and Culture in the Community and region.~~
(Delete because it is redundant with A. above)
- ~~J. Foster inclusive and cross-cultural activities to help build community as Red Wing continues to become more diverse.~~
(Delete because it has been incorporated into the Purpose Statement)
- New I. Ensure that all public projects include a diversity of voices.**
- K below will be lettered to J.**
- K. Collaborate to enhance the public perception of Red Wing's identity and quality of life in the community, the surrounding region, and beyond.

Members then discussed the composition of the commission. There was a general consensus with the following:

Composition.

- Nine (9) members
- Up to Two (2) voting members from Goodhue County or Pierce County
- Up to One (1) voting student members

Task force members wanted more input from the city to develop a staffing and budget plan.

Next Steps

There was a consensus of opinion that Brian should draft the new recommendations based on the feedback from the November 21st meeting and email them out to the Task Force Members for their feedback and then to email a second time to ask members if they wish to support the recommendations. Task Force members should be given a limited time period to respond to the revised draft, either yea, or nay. The idea would be to make this recommendation at the December 9, 2019 city council meeting. The group also appointed Megan Tsui as the Task Force spokesperson at the council meeting. Mayor Dowse will introduce the agenda item and Megan.