

## ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

**Regular Meeting:**

**Wednesday:**

**March 16, 2016:**

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the City Commission Room at City Hall at 4:00 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

The Arts and Culture Commissioners present or absent were as follows:

Present: Arlette Preston, Cassandra Miller, David Bertolini, Dayna Del Val, Deb Williams, Jessica Jung, Michael Olsen

Absent: Chelsea Thorson

Also Present: Mayor Mahoney, Nicole Crutchfield, Dan Mahli, Maegin Rude, Kylie Murphy, Jen Krava, Karis Thompson

Chair Bertolini called the meeting to order and welcomed Members to the meeting.

**Item 1: Minutes: Regular Meeting of January 20, 2016**

Ms. Miller moved the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Arts and Culture Commission meeting be approved. Second by Mr. Olsen. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

**Item 2: Public Arts Master Plan Logistics – Forecast Public Art**

Jack Becker, Director and Founder of Forecast Public Art, reviewed the logistics for the City of Fargo's Public Art Master Plan with the Board, which included the Consulting Services Agreement and Scope of Services. He noted the components of this process including systems and strategies for the Arts and Culture Commission; management and funding systems; relationships with various stakeholders in the community; community engagement; and education awareness of the arts.

Discussion was held regarding the effect public art has on the safety factor in neighborhoods; the public art processes/policies of other cities; inclusion of all neighborhoods in the public art process; the role of the Arts and Culture Commission between the general public and City Commission; and the vision for this process.

**Item 3: Project Updates: Madison Park Art Sculpture; City Hall Curating**

Planning Administrator Nicole Crutchfield presented a handout to the Board of the proposed exhibition concept for Fargo City Hall, which is a *Town and Country* theme. She noted the proposed exhibition period would begin May 1, 2016 and continue through December 31, 2016.

In addition, Ms. Crutchfield provided the Board with an update on the Madison Park Art Sculpture, noting the school district and park district finalized their agreement and are moving forward with the project.

**Item 4: Public Comment/Announcements**

Joe Burgum, Organizer of Fargo's Alley Fair, spoke about this event noting the purpose is to engage people in public art and the community's diverse offerings.

Dr. James Kaplan, Professor Emeritus of French at Minnesota State University Moorhead, displayed a painting to the Board titled "Heroes & Heroines of the Flood of '97" done by Trygve Olson and presented the idea of making this painting into a mural for city hall.

**Item 5: Adjournment**

Ms. Del Val moved the meeting be adjourned. Second by Mr. Olsen. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

The time at adjournment was 5:22 p.m.