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ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, February 19, 2025 | 4:00 PM
City Commission Chambers
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approve Agenda & Minutes
 - a. November 20, 2024Action Item
 - b. February 10, 2025 (informational meeting)Action Item
3. Board AppointmentsAction Item
4. ROI: Ripples of Impact Final Document Recommendation.....Action Item
5. Communications Plan – Presentation by Communications and Government Affairs Department
6. 2025 Work Items and Staff Report
7. Adjourn – Next Meeting: May 21, 2025

Arts and Culture Commission meetings are broadcast live on cable channel TV Fargo 56 and can be seen live by video stream on www.FargoND.gov/streaming. They are rebroadcast each Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Minutes are available on the City of Fargo Web site at www.FargoND.gov/artsandculture.

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ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2024.

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

Present: Monika Browne-Ecker, Danyel Moe, Anna Johnson, Tracy Jordre, Jon Offutt, Tracy Walvatne, Deb Williams, Joshua Zeis

Absent: Tori Benders

Item 1: Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2: Approve Agenda and Minutes

Member Offutt moved the Agenda and the Minutes of the August 21, 2024 Arts and Culture Commission meeting be approved. Second by Member Johnson. All Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3: Summary of Quarter 3 – Strategic Plan Framework

Planning and Development Director Nicole Crutchfield gave a brief overview of the summary of the strategic plan framework, explaining it is a combination of recent workshops, goals, and findings.

Item 4: Ripples of Impact Draft – Review and Discussion

Ms. Crutchfield introduced the document, noting that the projects, work, and what's been learned in the last 10 years has been brought together in the report prepared by Reach Partners.

Rachel Asleson and Anita Hoffarth, Reach Partners, presented on the work, describing the components of the document, including Project Inventory, Visualizing the Results of Investments infographics, and Artist Case Studies.

Discussion was held on experiences and feedback of the document from the work of the review committee, external communications, the future benefit of what was learned, incorporation of staff time into the data, and how portions of the document can be used collectively or individually.

Item 5: 2025 Meeting Calendar

The 2025 meeting dates were included in the packet.

Item 6: Announcements

Member Johnson shared about her current exhibit at the Plains Art Museum and upcoming talk in February.

Member Offutt noted that the FMVA determined not to hold an Arts for the Holidays event this year.

Member Johnson additionally shared information about the upcoming Miracle on Roberts Street Party on December 3 at Gallery 4.

Member Ecker-Browne shared Theatre B's Miracle on South Division Street show is in December.

Item 7: Adjourn – Next Meeting: February 19, 2025

The time at adjournment was 4:58 p.m.

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Informational Meeting:

Monday, February 10, 2025

An informational meeting with the Arts and Culture Commission and City Commission of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in the Commission Chambers at City Hall at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

The Arts and Culture Commission members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Tori Benders, Anna Johnson, Danyel Moe, Deb Williams, Tracy Walvatne,
 Monika Browne-Ecker

Absent: Tracy Jordre, Josh Zeis, Jon Offutt,

The meeting was called order.

Item 1: ROI: Ripples of Impact Document

Discussion was held on the ROI: Ripples of Impact document, a report about the work of the Arts and Culture Commission summarizing and highlighting the findings from the last ten years.

No motions were made.

Item 2: Adjourn

The time at adjournment was 10:55 a.m.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Arts and Culture Commission

FROM: Nicole Crutchfield, Planning Director
Maegin Elshaug, Planning Coordinator

DATE: February 13, 2025

RE: Ripples of Impact – Final Document Recommendation

The Planning Department staff with consultants Reach Partners and the Arts and Culture Commission as advisory, prepared a 10 year review of the City's public arts program. Much of this work was under the advisory support of the City's Arts and Culture Commission. This report, known as *ROI: Ripples of Impact* is finalized and was recently reviewed by the Arts and Culture Commission and the City Commission at a joint informational meeting on February 10, 2025. The final document shares the work of the last 10 years of the Arts and Culture Commission and public art program through quantitative and qualitative data detailing the City's public art projects and investment into public art, Artist Case Studies – highlighting the artists, their work and projects' effects on the community. A comprehensive project directory was also created.

A hardcopy of the final draft document will be provided to board members at the meeting and a digital version can be found at the [City of Fargo website](#). This will be used to shape public communications about this work over the course of 2025.

Recommendation:

Receive and file of the ROI: Ripples of Impact document to the City Commission.

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RE: 2025 Work Items and Staff Report

2025 Work Items

This years' work will focus on sharing the story of the work of the Arts and Culture Commission of the last 10 years as well as necessary maintenance of public art. The Planning Department and the Communications Department have been coordinating on a communications plan focusing on the ROI: Ripples of Impact document, City Hall exhibits and possibility maintenance project work. Members of Communications team plan to attend the meeting to provide more detail to the Arts and Culture Commission.

There are a number of items in the public art inventory that have varying needs of maintenance, as has been discussed at the last several board meetings. Staff is working on determining the best route to properly address the needs of the pieces and will share updates with the board. In the packet is a list of the projects and estimated budget associated with the work. We will provide a report of this work quarterly as work progresses.

Staff Report & Updates

- The ROI will be presented to the City Commission tentatively on March 3rd, 2025.
- The 2026 budget process will be beginning this Spring. For updates on this process please seek out the Planning Director or liaison commissioner Denise Kolpack with questions.
- The Arts Partnership has been approached to help support the Airport Authority and provide advisory assistance as part of the expansion of Hector International Airport.
- The first quarter exhibit at City Hall are relief prints by Eric A. Johnson, who holds an MFA in Printmaking. Attached is information on Mr. Johnson as well as his pieces in the exhibit. His work has been exhibited extensively regionally and nationally, and his award-winning work is found in collections around the region.
- Staff is also working on website updates, including documenting current and previous City Hall exhibits. We will share more information on this when complete.

Arts Program 2025 Work Priorities

Priority Rank	Work item	Staff Role	ACC Role	Status	Cost (estimated)
	Staff ACC / Arts and Culture program	Lead	N/A	Ongoing	\$ -
	Curating City Hall	Administrative / Fund	Awareness	Ongoing	\$ 3,000
	Kresge Grant Close-out	Lead	N/A	Committed	\$ -
1	Place Kigel Sculpture in City Hall	Lead / Fund	Awareness	Committed	\$ 8,000
2	Deaccession Hayes Painting	Lead / Fund	Approval	Committed	\$ 5,000
3	Restore Running Painting	Lead / Fund	Approval	Not Started	\$ 3,500
4	Relocate Arend Sculpture	Lead / Fund	Awareness (maybe approval)	Not Started	\$ 6,000
5	Maintain Utility Box Wraps (rust)	Lead / Fund	Awareness	Not Started	\$ 5,500
6	Address Skyway Mural	Lead / Fund	Awareness	Not Started	\$ 15,000
7	ASL Bike Rack Sculpture	Lead / Fund	Committee led?	Not Started	\$ 8,000
					\$ 54,000

Operations & Maintenance
Project / Program

Note: cost and staff time assumes project management assistance

ArtWORKS

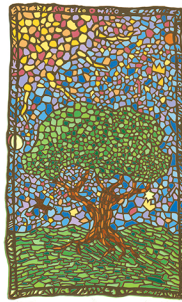
Eric A. Johnson

Printmaker Eric A. Johnson didn't pursue formal art training until his first college art course at NDSU in 1991, eventually going on to earn his MFA in Printmaking from the University of North Dakota in 2001. Johnson's work draws from his active imagination, with bold and colorful images running the gamut between slight abstraction and non-objective work. Eric has exhibited extensively in regional and national exhibitions, and his award-winning work is found in private and corporate collections around the region.

In 2017 he held a solo exhibition at the Rourke Art Gallery and Museum in Moorhead, MN. The following year he was a resident artist at West Acres Shopping Center in Fargo, ND. In 2019, he opened Big Oak Press, a home studio in Hillsboro, ND.

Currently an adjunct visual art instructor at Minnesota State Community and Technical College in Detroit Lakes, MN, Johnson's newest body of work, "Cut Away" was recently on display at The Rourke in spring of 2021.

To purchase artwork or find out more about ArtWORKS, email Christina Johnson at christina@theartspartnership.net.



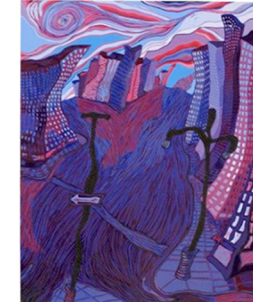
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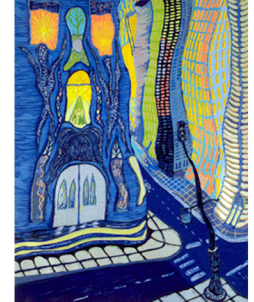
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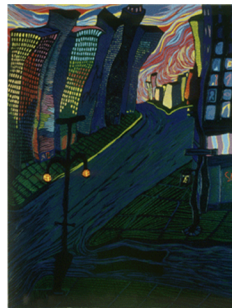
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\$625



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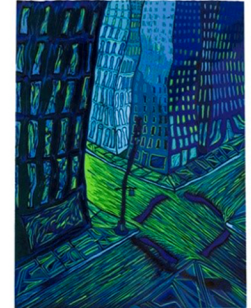
Crossroads
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\$750



Bleak the City
Relief Print
\$750



Lost Dreams
Relief Print
\$800



The Corner
Relief Print
\$650



Tree #1 - At the Bottom of Everything
Relief Print
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Tree #4 - Broken Thoughts
Relief Print
\$600



Tree #7
Relief Print
~NFS~



Tree #11 - Blame
Relief Print
\$500