

## Culture and Arts Commission

Minutes, Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2021 via Zoom

Attendees: Miranda Moen, [Joyce Poshusta](#), John Deyo, Elizabeth Leyk, Trish Harren, Laura Helle

Chair Moen calls to order at 1:08pm

Motion by Member Deyo to approve agenda as written, second by Member Herren, motion carries.

Motion by Member Helle to approve minutes from January, February, March and April 2021, second by Member Deyo, motion carried.

Discussion on partnering with Diversity Council. Group consensus is to return to discussing potential collaboration in fall/winter when we have more strategic planning complete. Member Leyk will contact Diversity Council and get a rough estimate of the costs for a workshop in Austin.

Chair Moen will contact commission members who have not attended meetings recently and ask if the meeting time is a barrier or not. A different meeting time is an option.

Member Deyo made a motion to begin meeting in person beginning in June, second by Member Helle, motion carries.

Members Deyo and Helle and Chair Moen described the visit to the Hormel Institute on May 18, 2021. Photos were shared showing the various spaces such as the lobby, live learning lab/auditorium, outdoor courtyard, etc. Care should be taken not to compete with other arts and culture events by both non profit and for profit organizations in the community. Next steps are a) to contact other arts/culture-presenters in the community to share the opportunity of using the venue (assigned to Helle) and b) consider if/when Culture and Arts Commission would host their own programming/events at the Institute (assigned to July agenda).

Member Helle reviewed plans for 4th Ave Fest on June 16, 2021. SEMAC fully funded the grant request for \$5,000 to bring in Sara Hanson and Wow! Mobile Metal Lab. Member Helle will work with Holly Wallace shepherding the grant funds through the city processes, providing a contract to Sara Hanson and requesting funds from the Council to pay performers at 4th Ave Fest and possibly some other expenses. Plans are going well and partners continue to reach out asking to participate. Member Harren outlined the importance of paying artists for their work and the group agreed.

Member Helle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Leyk.  
Adjourned at 2:17pm