



**ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 4:30 PM
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.**

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Agenda Amendments
3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 15, 2025 Minutes
4. Citizens To Be Heard
5. Business Items
 - A. Project Updates - Indigenous Sculpture, Historical Video Series, and Sidewalk Stamps
 - B. Project Discussion - Future Project Planning
6. Reports/Information
7. Adjourn

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**MINUTES OF THE ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
September 15, 2025 - 4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (5): Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Britta Trygstad, Brandon Baity, Chuck Hendrickson

Absent (2): Jonathan Rutter, Paula Krogen

Chair Trygstad called the meeting of the Art and Culture Commission to order.

2. Agenda Amendments

Motion to Approve the September 15, 2025 Agenda made by Allison Koster and seconded by Carrie Rogers.

For 5: Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Britta Trygstad, Brandon Baity, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

3. Approval of Minutes

A. June 16, 2025 Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Chuck Hendrickson and seconded by Carrie Rogers.

For 5: Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Britta Trygstad, Brandon Baity, Chuck Hendrickson

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Citizens To Be Heard

None

5. Business Items

A. RiverArts Update

Steve French, Recreation Events Specialist with the City of Moorhead, provided an annual update on RiverArts.

B. Project Updates - Indigenous Sculpture, Historical Video Series, & Sidewalk Stamps

Staff provided updates related to the current status of the Indigenous Sculpture, Historical Video Series, and Sidewalk Stamps. The Commission provided recommendations for marketing and unveiling the Historical Video Series.

6. Reports/Information

Commission members provided updates about recent events, performances, exhibitions and more throughout the community.

7. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 04:56 PM made by Allison Koster and seconded by Carrie Rogers.

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.

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To: Moorhead Art & Culture Commission
Subject: Project Updates – Indigenous Sculpture, Historical Video Series, and Sidewalk Stamps
Date: November 17, 2025
Prepared By: Ethan Johnk, Assistant City Planner

PROJECT UPDATES

OVERVIEW

The Art and Culture Commission (A&CC) previously recommended several proposed projects in relation to Moorhead's sesquicentennial and the 11th Street Underpass Project:

- In an effort to expand the newly created Moorhead Sculpture Walk, collaboration with an artist to install a public sculpture that celebrates the rich heritage of Indigenous People and their cultures in our region.
- In an effort to highlight key parts throughout Moorhead's history, creation of a historical video series in collaboration with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) and Moorhead Community Access Media (MCAM).
- In an effort to expand our existing sidewalk stamp inventory to be used on sidewalk areas throughout the 11th Street Underpass Project area, issue a Request for Art to solicit art submissions to be used to manufacture new stamps.

UPDATES

Sculpture:

- City Staff is working to add signage, include the piece on the Moorhead Sculpture Walk, and add pollinator plants at the site in the future.

Historical Video Series:

- Coordination with Moorhead Community Access Media and the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County to continue recording episodes covering the saloon and wild west eras in Moorhead. City Staff, HCSCC, and MCAM are coordinating regarding the release of the first episode. The first episode has been sent to Prairie Public Broadcasting for review and potential release on the network. Other ideas include:
 - Hosting an event; or
 - General release on City platforms.

Sidewalk Stamps:

- City Staff has been coordinating with MnDOT and Opp Construction to install sidewalk stamps on sidewalks being paved within the project area. Further, Staff has been coordinating with Sign Badger to manufacture missing stamps from the existing inventory and the proposed new stamps. The attached maps show the relative location of the sidewalk stamp installations in the underpass project area.

Sidewalk Stamp Location Map

1st Ave N from 10th St N to 12th St N
11th St N from 1st Ave N to 2nd Ave N
Center Ave



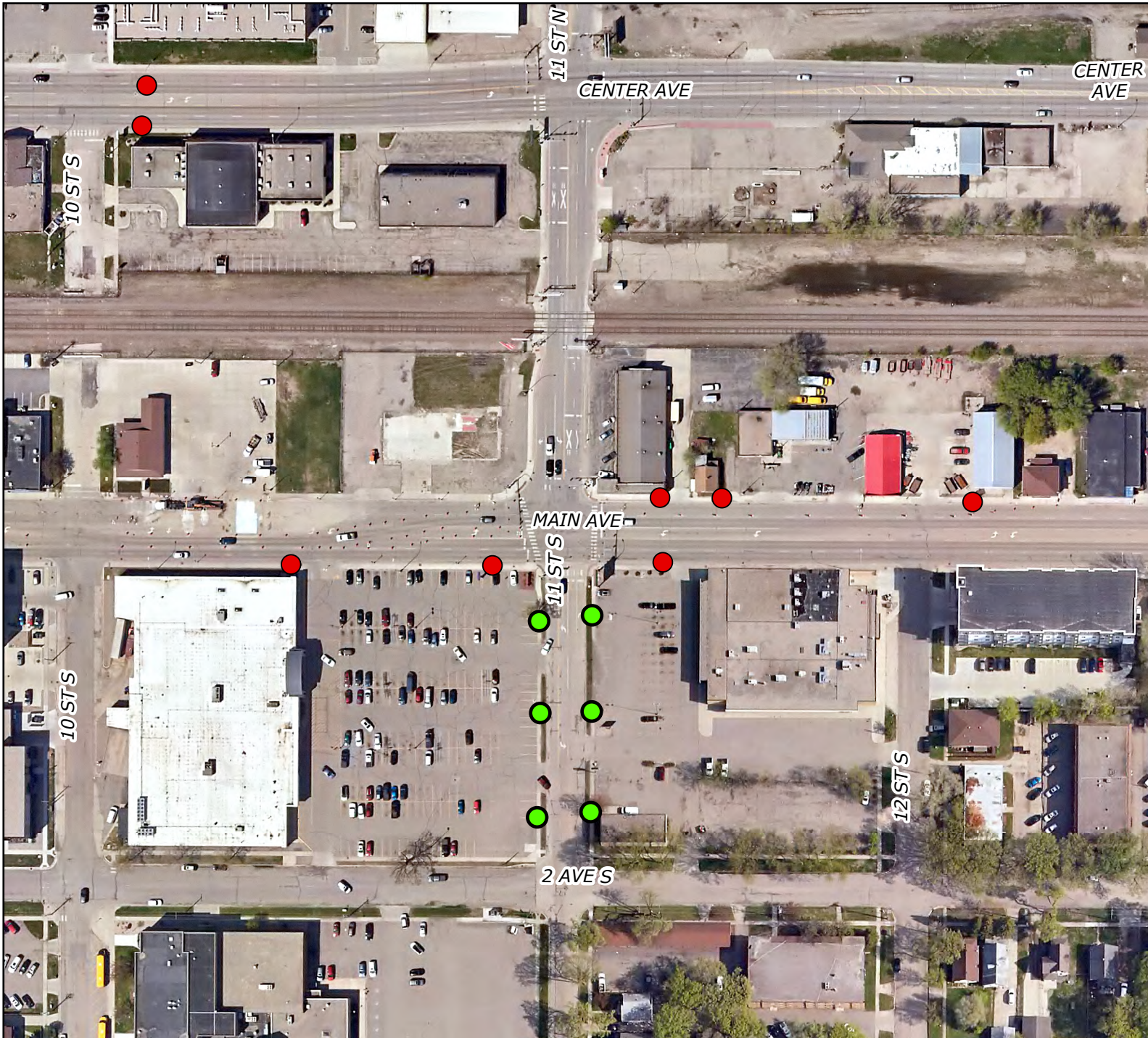
Legend

- Existing sidewalk stamps proposed to be replaced
- New 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2025
- 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2024

Sidewalk Stamp Location Map

Main Ave from 11th St N to 12th St N

11th St from Main Ave to 2nd Ave S



Legend

- Existing sidewalk stamps proposed to be replaced
- New 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2025
- 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2024



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Subject: Future Project Planning
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PROJECT DISCUSSION

BACKGROUND

Moorhead's Art and Culture Commission was established in 2015 with the purpose to advise the Mayor and City Council on development of arts and culture activities, projects, organizations and facilities within the City.

PAST AND PRESENT PROJECTS

The following projects will be or have been funded by budgeted funds, donations, and grants. Some projects are made possible by utilizing more than one funding option.

2016:

- Sidewalk Art and Poetry Project
- Pecha Kucha Presentations with local arts and culture organizations

2017:

- Oakport Water Tower Art
- Partnership with Concordia College to develop an Arts and Cultural Asset Map

2018:

- Arts and Culture Framework Plan
- Creative MN Moorhead/Clay County Economic Study
- Development of Moorhead's Public Art Policy
- Woodlawn Water Tower Art

2019:

- 2018 Moorhead Proud Call for Art:
 - Florence Klingensmith Mural
- Southside Water Tower Art

2020:

- Installation of Bench and Utility Box Art
- Downtown Arts Geocache Adventure Collaboration
- I-94 Water Tower Art
- Active Military Street Light Banners

2021:

- Breaking the Surface Sculpture Installation at Davy-Memorial Park

2022:

- 2022 Call for Activation:
 - Mary's Light Tunnel
 - Forest Friends – Wildlife Natural Sculptures
- Consideration/Approval of Art Proposal – Calliope's Rainbow
- Center Avenue Sidewalk Stamp Installation
- 2018 Moorhead Proud Call for Art:
 - Storm Drain Community Art

2023:

- RiverArts Expansion
- Movie in the Garden Events Participation at Woodlawn Park (2 events)
- Installation of Utility Box Art (multiple sites)
- 2023 Call for Placemaking:
 - Fargo Moorhead Community Theater hosted Build-a-Ton-aThon

2024:

- Continuation of RiverArts Expansion at the Moorhead Farmers Market:
- 1st Avenue North Sidewalk Stamp Installation
- 2023 Call for Placemaking:
 - Folkways hosted Sunset on the Riverfront

2025:

- Continuation of RiverArts Expansion
- 2022 Call for Activation:
 - Moorhead Sculpture Walk
- 2024 Call for Art – Indigenous Sculpture: Installation of “Nii Woo Gaw Bow” by Duane Goodwin
- Historical Video Series:
 - The anticipated production and 2025 (City’s Sesquicentennial) release of a video series documenting early history in Moorhead in collaboration with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County and Moorhead Community Access Media.
- Continuation of sidewalk stamp installation along the 11th Street Underpass project area

2026 PROJECT DISCUSSION

With the anticipated Art and Culture funding of \$12,500, identifying potential projects or ideas that can be further explored for implementation in 2026:

- What project(s) should we explore into 2026?
- Are there new project ideas that should be considered?
- Are there past and/or present projects that could be expanded?
- Are there any groups/organizations to get involved with future project planning?
- Are there any locations in Moorhead that should be of focus for future projects?

GUIDING DOCUMENTS

As project planning continues, these documents can always be used as resources.

- [2018 Arts and Culture Framework Plan](#)
 - Placemaking – Downtown/Neighborhoods/Public Art/Gathering Places
- [2020 Downtown Master Plan](#)
 - Placemaking nodes, Riverfront, Parks and Plazas. Be Authentic, vibrant, equitable and inclusive, resilient, and connected.
- [2022 Onward Moorhead Comprehensive Plan – www.cityofmoorhead.com/onwardmoorhead](#)
 - Goals:
 - Enhance Moorhead’s visual appeal through public realm improvements, public art, and cultural activities.
 - Collaborate with neighborhoods to develop a sense of place and pride.
 - Develop an intentional approach to building cultural inclusion, responding to the needs of, and celebrating diverse communities.
 - Invest in placemaking and creating places where people want to gather, with a focus in the downtown and riverfront areas.