



**ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
MAY 18, 2026 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. March 16, 2026 Minutes
4. Citizens To Be Heard
5. Business Items
 - A. Project Updates - Interactive Art Piece
 - B. Project Updates - Historical Video Series, Sidewalk Stamps, and Streetlight Banners
6. Reports/Information
7. Adjourn

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**MINUTES OF THE ART AND CULTURE COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
March 16, 2026 - 4:30 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (6): Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Absent (1): Chuck Hendrickson

Vice Chair Rogers called the meeting of the Art and Culture Commission to order and attendance was noted.

2. Agenda Amendments

Motion to Approve March 16, 2026 Agenda made by Allison Koster and seconded by Paula Krogen.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

3. Approval of Minutes

A. February 23, 2026 Minutes

Motion to Approve February 23, 2026 Minutes made by Paula Krogen and seconded by Allison Koster.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Citizens To Be Heard

Moorhead resident E. Christie addressed the commission to propose that the City adopt a poet laureate. The commission expressed interest of the idea.

5. Business Items

A. Project Discussion - Interactive Art Piece

Staff provided a brief overview of the proposed Interactive Art Piece, including a draft Call for Art to solicit proposals from artists. The commission relayed an interest in the draft Call for Art and provided additional feedback to be included in a final Call for Art.

B. Project Updates - Streetlight Banners

Staff provided updates related to the current status of the Streetlight Banner project including the required criteria in a draft Request for Art.

C. 2026 Election of Officers

Commission discussed options for the 2026 Election of Officers and designated representatives.

Motion to Recommend Brandon Baity as Chair of the Art and Culture Commission made by Allison Koster and seconded by Paula Krogen.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Motion to Recommend Paula Krogen as Vice-Chair of the Art and Culture Commission made by Allison Koster and seconded by Carrie Rogers.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Motion to Recommend Jonathan Rutter and Allison Koster to serve on the Artist Review Team for 2026 made by Paula Krogen and seconded by Brandon Baity.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Motion to Recommend Paula Krogen to represent the Art and Culture Commission on the MoorHeart review group made by Allison Koster and seconded by Brandon Baity.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

Motion to Recommend Carrie Rogers to represent the Art and Culture Commission on the Moorhead Sculpture Walk Working Group made by Paula Krogen and seconded by Allison Koster.

For 6: Jonathan Rutter, Allison Koster, Carrie Rogers, Chizuko Shastri, Brandon Baity, Paula Krogen

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

6. Reports/Information

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

7. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn at 04:52 PM made by Allison Koster and seconded by Paula Krogen.

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 – Interactive Art Piece
Date: May 18, 2026
Prepared By: Ethan Johnk, Assistant City Planner

PROJECT UPDATES

OVERVIEW

With the approved public art funding of \$12,500 in 2026, the Art and Culture Commission has discussed an interest in utilizing a Call for Art to solicit proposals for an art piece that:

- Has interactive elements that invites public participation; and
- Promotes creativity and youth engagement; and
- Is safe for all members of the public to interact with; and
- Is durable and can be outside during various weather conditions; and
- Entices people to gather.

PROPOSED PROCESS AND TIMELINES

1. June 15th, 2026 – Call for Public Art – Interactive Art Piece Published
2. August 7th, 2026 by 10:00 AM – Deadline for Submissions
3. August 10th, 2026 – Art(ist) Review Team (A.R.T.) Review – Review and Requests for Clarification
4. August 17th, 2026 – Art and Culture Commission Review, Prioritization and Recommendation
5. September 14th, 2026 – City Council Approval
6. Fall 2026 – Project Implementation

UPDATES

Based on feedback from the Art and Culture Commission, City Staff completed an initial draft of the Call for Public Art – Interactive Art Piece. The draft is currently undergoing internal review to ensure alignment with City procedures, public art guidelines, and risk and safety considerations. Once the internal review is complete, a final draft will be presented to the A.R.T. for final review.

Following the finalization of the Call for Public Art – Interactive Art Piece, the final version will be published and marketed in accordance with the proposed timeline.



To: Moorhead Art & Culture Commission
Subject: Project Updates – Historical Video Series, Sidewalk Stamps, and Streetlight Banners
Date: May 18, 2026
Prepared By: Ethan Johnk, Assistant City Planner

PROJECT UPDATES

OVERVIEW

The Art and Culture Commission (A&CC) previously recommended and provided guidance for several projects in relation to Moorhead's sesquicentennial, the 11th Street Underpass Project, and the 250th anniversary of the United States of America:

- The creation of a historical video series in collaboration with the Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCSCC) and Moorhead Community Access Media (MCAM).
- The expansion of our sidewalk stamp inventory by soliciting designs to be used on sidewalk areas throughout the 11th Street Underpass Project area.
- The solicitation of designs for streetlight banners to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

UPDATES

Historical Video Series:

- City Staff, HCSCC, and MCAM hosted an event at the Moorhead Public Library (The Loop) to unveil the first video of the series covering the founding of Moorhead. Based on large public interest, City Staff and partners will work to continue the series based on HCSCC and MCAM availability. The first episode can be viewed on MCAM's broadcasting networks and HCSCC's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9JnOs_rhpOk



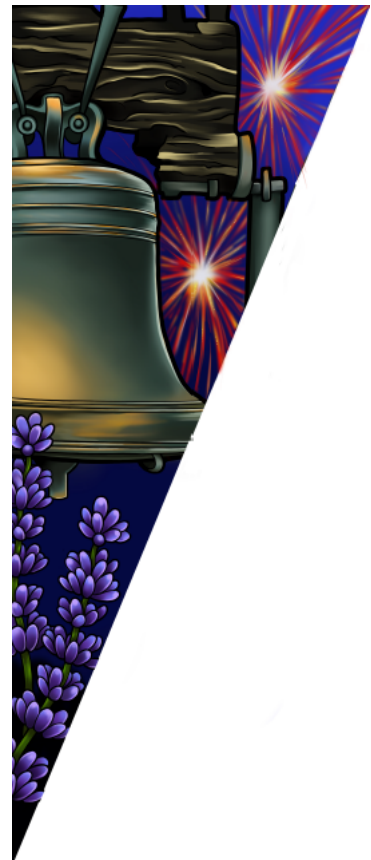
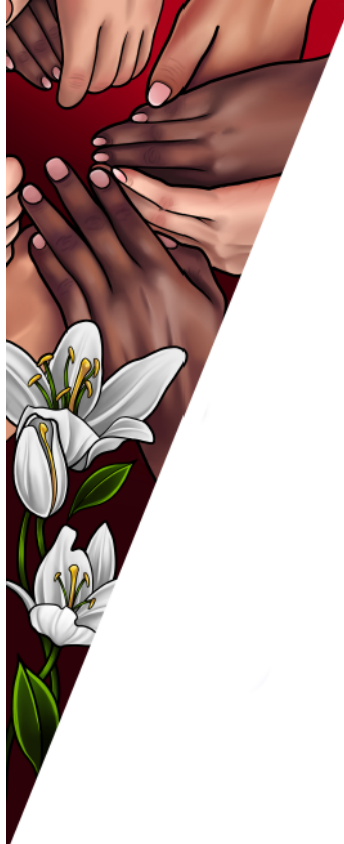
Sidewalk Stamps:

- The 10 stamps selected through the 2025 Request for Public Art – Sidewalk Stamps have been manufactured. The City has been coordinating with Opp Construction to install 6 of the new stamps along 11th Street North, North of 1st Avenue North. City Staff will continue to coordinate with Opp Construction regarding the installation of new sidewalk stamps in the 11th Street Underpass project area.

Streetlight Banners:

- With funding available to create streetlight banners for the 250th anniversary of the United States of America, City Staff issued a Request for Art for Streetlight Banner Designs. One submission that met the criteria outlined in the Request for Art was received. In alignment with Moorhead’s Public Art Policy, the Art(ist) Review Team reviewed the submission to determine if it aligned with the criteria in the Request for Art. After Review, A.R.T. determined that the submission may be utilized to convert into a streetlight banner, in addition to the 8 designs that were created by veteran artist, Mackenzie Sanders. A total of 10 banners will be manufactured (all 8 of the designs created by veteran artist, Mackenzie Sanders, and 2 of the submission that was reviewed and approved by A.R.T.).





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

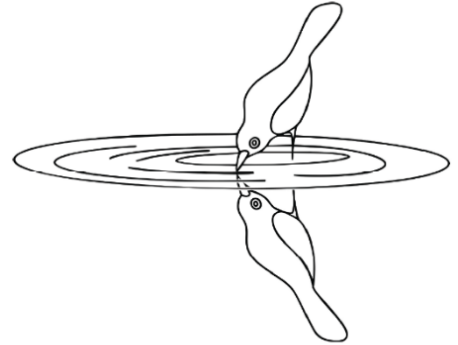
- Existing sidewalk stamps proposed to be replaced
- New 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2025
- New 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2026
- 11th Street Underpass Sidewalk Stamps 2024

Sidewalk Art Selections

Brekin Dennis, 24



Bailey White, 28



Brekin Dennis, 24



Chloe Cowen, 24

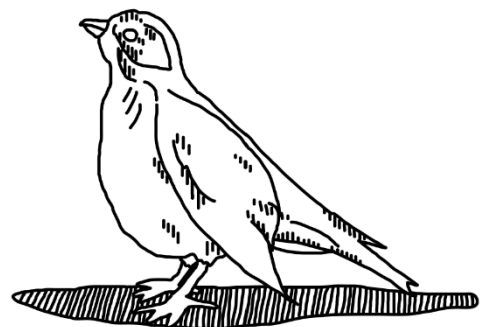


Moorhead
11TH STREET
UNDERPASS

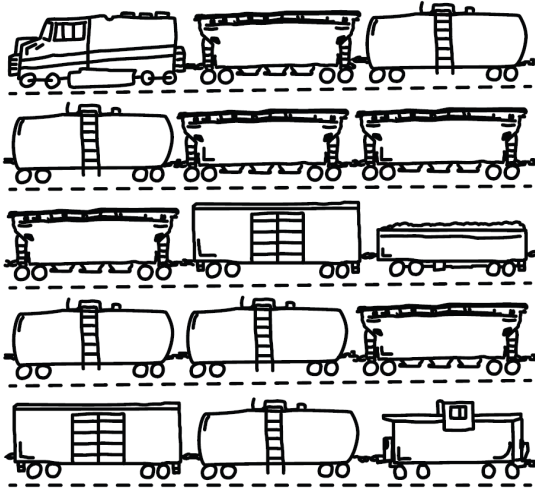
Ashley Nelson, 26



Liam Brewster, 22



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Liz Fox-Cameron, 66

I wake restless.
A steady rhythm calms me.
The train passes by.

Bailey White, 28



Katrina Gordon, 36

Turkey
Crossing

