



**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.