

**Red Wing Arts & Culture Commission
Workshop Meeting
Community Development Building
December 17, 2025**

Members Present: Chair Katie Nolan; Commissioners Zamira Mendoza, Stephanie Rogers, Gary Stone, David Culver, Mark Granlund, Evan Wert and Sam Brown

Members Absent: Commissioners Foos and Woerpel (excused absences) and commissioner Riegelman (unexcused).

Others Present: Melissa Hill, Staff Liaison

1. Roll Call

Chair Katie Nolan called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. Roll call was conducted. Chair Nolan and Commissioners Mendoza, Rogers, Stone, Culver, Granlund, Wert, and Sam Brown were in attendance.

Commissioners Foos and Woerpel previously indicated they would be absent.

Chair Nolan welcomed and introduced new commission member Evan Wert. Commissioner Wert explained his previous work history and personal experiences that led him to applying to serve on a board or commission. His original application had been to the Heritage Preservation Commission but he agreed to a seat on the Arts & Culture Commission following a conversation with Mayor Iocco. He is looking forward to learning more and working with the Commission.

Each commissioner then spoke in turn, introducing themselves to commissioner Wert and sharing their relevant personal history.

2. Workshop Items

A. 2026 Meeting Schedule.

Chair Nolan introduced the proposed 2026 meeting schedule and explained that this was a discussion item only, and that the Commission would vote to adopt the schedule during their January meeting.

Staff liaison Hill noted two meetings on the proposed schedule that may conflict with Charter Commission meetings, March 18 and June 17, 2026. Hill explained that the March 18th Charter Commission meeting date was tentative, but the Charter Commission would be meeting on June 17, requiring the Arts & Culture Commission to find an alternative meeting date.

Discussion ensued and consensus was reached to leave the March 18th meeting as is and discuss options later if the Charter Commission decided to hold their March meeting.

Commissioner Mendoza suggested moving the June 17th meeting to June 10th and there was general agreement with this date.

Staff liaison Hill noted that she would make the recommended change and present the updated version for adoption at the January meeting.

B. Committee Break-Out Session.

For commissioner Wert's benefit, Chair Nolan explained the committees of the commission, which include an executive, finance, marketing, and public art committee. After hearing the descriptions, commissioner Wert indicated he would prefer to work on the marketing committee.

At 6:23 pm, Chair Nolan requested the group break into their committees to discuss their tasks related to the Artist Laureate Program and reconvene at 6:45 pm.

Chair Nolan called the commission back together at 6:48 pm and asked for follow-up regarding the committee sessions.

Commissioner Rogers explained that the marketing and finance committees brainstormed ideas for a tag line for the Artist Laureate program and asked for the full committee's opinion of the ideas.

Commissioner Mendoza read a list of potential tag lines the committees had thought of. Discussion ensued with further tag line ideation.

Staff liaison Hill proposed the tag line "Our community is your canvas," which was generally approved.

3. Adjournment

Chair Nolan adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.