

Recommendation of the Red Wing Arts and Culture Task Force

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Below is the recommendation of the Red Wing Arts and Culture Task Force to recommend that the City establish a Red Wing Arts and Culture Commission for with the following purpose, powers and duties, composition, staffing and first year budget.

Purpose.

The Arts and Culture Commission will advise the City Council concerning Arts and Culture policies, public projects, issues and initiatives and will be a fierce advocate for Arts and Culture in Red Wing. The Commission will work to ensure an inclusive and cross-cultural environment to help build community. The Commission shall work to further the city's Arts and Culture vision statement: Red Wing thrives as a creative regional arts and culture hub where everyone can participate.

Powers and Duties.

- A. Support and advocate for Arts and Culture by demonstrating how the people of Red Wing and the region are better off when Arts and Culture are an integrated part of the community.
- B. Draft and recommend Arts and Culture Plans for City Council consideration and approval.
- C. Assist and advise the City Council and its boards and commissions on matters of public policy that would advance the City's goal to cultivate a collaborative environment where Arts and Culture can flourish.
- D. Identify and facilitate early collaboration and joint planning among city departments, public agencies, and private organizations to ensure Arts and Culture are represented in projects (including capital projects) and policy.
- E. Work with city departments to develop procedures to streamline the process for City permitting of Arts and Culture events, programs, and projects.
- F. Advise the City Council on submittal of grants and other funding requests as well as cultivate public/private partnerships that further the City's Arts and Culture goals.
- G. Foster initiatives and public forums that provide information to individuals, businesses, and other institutions about Arts and Culture issues and initiatives.

- H. Provide recommendations to the City Council about public art, community placemaking initiatives, and the built environment.
- I. Ensure that all public Arts and Culture projects include a diversity of voices.
- J. Collaborate to enhance the public perception of Red Wing's identity and quality of life in the community, the surrounding region, and beyond.

Composition.

- Nine (9) members
- Up to Two (2) voting members from Goodhue County or Pierce County
- Up to One (1) voting student member

Staffing and Budget

The Red Wing Arts and Culture Commission will initially require a part-time staff liaison. This person should have some background in the arts and could be a city employee or a contract for services. The Task Force recommends a minimum budget support for approximately a ½ time staff liaison in the first year of \$20,800. This would provide adequate funding so that the commission can complete the Arts and Culture Plan and develop policies to work with projects that need more immediate attention. We understand that the City Council has approved a budget of \$5,000 in the 2020 budget for the Arts and Culture Plan, we ask that the City Council consider providing an additional \$15,800 from the 2019 City Contingency to be used in 2020 once the commission is established. This will leave over \$470,000 in the 2019 City Contingency Fund. In the first year, the commission will work to identify other partnership funding.