



# Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development and the Minneapolis Arts Commission

**Date:** August 7, 2014

**To:** Lisa Bender, Chair, Zoning and Planning committee

**Subject:** Appointments to the *Minneapolis Arts Commission*

**Recommendation:** Approve the following Council appointments to the Minneapolis Arts Commission for terms starting immediately and ending December 31, 2015.

**Department Information**

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	Appointed by Mayor or Council	Ward	New or Reappointment	Number of years of term	Term Beginning/Ending	Replacing or fulfilling the term of another member, Name
Ashley Fairbanks	Council	2	New	2	Immediately until 12/31/2015	Seat 9 - vacant
Tom Loftus	Council	1	New	2	Immediately until 12/31/15	Fulfilling James Bartsch's Term - Seat 14

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

**Ashley Fairbanks [Artist - Council]**

Ashley is a working artist, both a graphic and exhibition designer and a photographer. She sits on the board of Art Shanty Projects and has been a board member for eight months. She also has experience with civic leadership, as the former co-chair of the American Indian Safety Council working with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Ashley graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in American Indian Studies and Political Science.

## Tom Loftus [Admin - Council]

Tom has been a patron and advocate of the arts and music community in the Twin Cities for the last 18 years. During this time he helped others make art and music and in the process became an artist. Tom's background as a lay person, administrator and active artist allows him to understand the different viewpoints of the art world. Tom graduated from St. John University with a B.A in management and a M.A. in Nonprofit Management from Hamline University. He is the owner and founder of Modern Radio Record label in Minneapolis.