



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

Date: January 21, 2010

To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Zoning and Planning Committee

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Approved by: Council President Johnson _____

Barbara Sporlein, Planning Director _____

Presenters in Committee:

Subject: Appointments to the Minneapolis Arts Commission

Recommendation: Approve the following (Mayor/Council) appointments

Name of Appointee	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
Kenneth Koense	Council	2	New	2	02/01/10 – 01/31/12	
Rachael Crew	Council	13	New	2	02/01/10 – 01/31/12	
Ellen Stein	Council	1	New	2	02/01/10 – 01/31/12	
Sarah Rust Sampedro	Mayor	5	New	2	02/01/10 – 01/31/12	
Howard Merriam	Mayor	13	New	2	02/01/10 – 01/31/12	

Previous Directives

None

<p>Financial Impact</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)</p>

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Kenneth Koense [Layperson]

As a relatively recent transplant from the New York City area, Kenneth has immediately involved himself in his Longfellow neighborhood, serving on a neighborhood task force and helping organize the recent inaugural LoLa art crawl there. As an architectural designer, Kenneth also will offer trained insights into good design.

Rachel Crew [Administration]

As the associate director of marketing at the Guthrie Theater, Rachael brings the highest level of experience in promoting the arts to the MAC. Sharp, savvy, and youthful, she also helped jump-start a new Shakespeare in the Park series, honing an entrepreneurial instinct that will prove valuable to the MAC as we continue to expand the successful MAC Awards program and seek to create a complementary MAC grants program.

Ellen Stein [Layperson]

Ellen's broad organizational skills as a planner/scheduler for Xcel Energy range, including major-event planning and government relations, will greatly aid MAC in promoting the arts through events and other civic engagement. Ellen also has a long and outstanding service record in Minneapolis, including coordinating work for United Way and Meals and Wheels that demonstrate a keen sense of civic engagement.

Sarah Rust Sampedro [Artist]

A photographer, Sarah has been deeply involved in the North Side arts scene, teaches in Minneapolis Community Education, and helps other North Side artists gain exposure through her work with the Northside Arts Collective. She will add an invaluable perspective as an artist and resident of the neighborhood where many proposals appearing before MAC originate.

Howard Merriam [Layperson]

Howard has a long and distinguished record of relevant public service, including many years as the director of Park and Urban Planning for the city of Northfield, managing commissions similar to the MAC. He also served on the Edina Park Board before moving to Minneapolis this year, bringing along his design insights as a landscape architect.