

2018 POET LAUREATE WORKING GROUP SUMMARY

Committee

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Meeting 1 – Monday July 23, 2018

The Poet Laureate terms of reference were reviewed, a process to arrive at the next Poet Laureate was established, and a short list of 4 candidates was identified.

Councillor Neill then sought assistance from the KFPL to collect representative samples of all 4 candidates, which were distributed to the committee.

Meeting 2 – Friday August 3, 2018

The short list was reduced to two names: 1 proposed PL and 1 alternate. The first choice was contacted, but declined the invitation for personal reasons. The alternate candidate accepted on August 12th and is excited to take on this position.

Colin Wiginton has follow up with the new PL regarding administrative details from the city. The city is considering a transition event that would provide an opportunity to celebrate the outgoing PL's contributions in this role, and welcome the new PL.

No further meetings are scheduled.

Submitted by Karma Tomm
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