



CITY OF  
**GRAND RAPIDS**  
IT'S IN MINNESOTA'S NATURE

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 02, 2024**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:47pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich  
Commissioner Derek Fox  
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh  
City Administrator, Tom Pagel  
MacRostie Program Manager, Emily Carlson

ABSENT

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman

PUBLIC INPUT: (if anyone wishes to address the Commission)

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion made by Commissioner Fox, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to accept the agenda as written. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes - June 4, 2024

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to approve of the June 4, 2024, Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

FINANCIALS: No Change

There has been no change to the Financials.

BUSINESS:

2. Artists in Residence Follow-Up

The Commission reviewed and discussed the Artist's Feedback. Some of the discussion about the Artists in Residence that the Commission brought up were being open on weekends, security issues, the timeframe of the artists residency and the need for something for them to transition to after their residency. There will be new artists moving in this week.

The discussion continued as to the rental prices and possibly subsidizing a space for the artists in the building. City Administrator Tom Pagel said that to fix all of the concerns of the building would be approximately 7.8 million. He also said that he would listen to and entertain ideas for uses for Central School, but would have to look at the City's Downtown Comprehensive Plan.

3. NE Neighborhood Art Project

Discussion on the worksession with the artist Greg Mueller. MacRostie Program Manager Emily Carlson suggested that the worksession be rescheduled to August 6th, with a rain date of August 7th at the NE Neighborhood site. She asked the Commission to check their schedules and she'll check with the artist, and if he can't do August, we'll try for September.

4. Riverfest 2024

Commissioner Squadroni showed the ideas he gathered for art at Riverfest that he brought to the last Commission meeting. The Commission also pondered incorporating the photos of the Blandin Art with the goal in mind that this is for people at the festival to make art. Commissioners Squadroni and Fox will work on printing.

UPDATES:

5. Strategic Plan/New Commissioner Training Subcommittee

This item was tabled until October.

6. True North Salone-Central School Sculpture - Ashley

Ashley of the True North Salon back in April had an idea for the Central School grounds. Commissioner Zabinski has been in contact with her and she is wondering to what extent the City or the Arts & Culture are willing to assist with funding. It was discussed as to what the next step would be, possibly be folding it into the full renovation of Central School.

7. Blandin Mural

Commissioner Squadroni let the Commission know that the photos have been taken of the Blandin Mural, are being photoshopped and put onto printable files. The images are good enough to now be used at a new location. Commissioners Squadroni and Fox will be doing test printing and get estimates from local sign professionals. They will provide an update next month.

8. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noyce

Commissioner Zabinski stated that Karen Noyce is out of state at this time. She would like to give an update regarding the Pokegama Band Map Project that she has been working on. Possibly put her on the Agenda for September or maybe October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

1. NE Neighborhood Art Project
2. Riverfest 2024

UPDATES:

3. Blandin Mural

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to adjourn at 4:45pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman