



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 04, 2024**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gorman at 3:45pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich  
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh  
MacRostie Program Manager, Emily Carlson

ABSENT

Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Derek Fox  
City Administrator, Tom Pagel

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve May 7th, 2024 Minutes

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Miskovich to approve of the May 7th, 2024, Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

#### FINANCIALS:

2. Approve Financials for May 2024

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Slaubaugh to approve the May 2024, Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

#### BUSINESS:

3. Artists in Residence

The Artists in the Attic, Krista Rogers, Nelia Harper and Leah Yellowbird were invited to share their experience of their residency on the 3rd Floor of Central School with the Arts & Culture Commission. Two of the three were able to make it to the meeting this evening.

Nelia Harper, the first of the two artists present, spoke about her experience as an artist in residency. Overall it was a great, positive experience. She loved the large space where she could do different things such as show and teach and said that the sunsets were amazing. Some of the challenges she spoke of were; the lighting, the brown water that leaked from the roof from rain or snow melting and absent signage for the public.

The second artist to speak about her experience was Krista Rogers. She too stated that overall the experience was great, even though the building itself offered challenges to the artists. Some of those were things such as the lighting, moderating the heating/air system, the leaking roof, no Wi-Fi and that the building isn't open during events.

It was requested that the artists put together a letter with bullet points on the pluses and minuses of their residency to give to City Staff.

4. NE Neighborhood Art Project

The Commission is planning on a worksession to meet with Greg Mueller next week on June 11th, at 3:45pm.

5. Riverfest 2024

Commissioner Squadroni brought some ideas to the Commission for different art pieces for Riverfest that could be made permanent and show the history of the event.

## UPDATES:

### 6. Strategic Plan/New Commissioner Training Subcommittee

Commissioners Hedlund and Miskovich met briefly at the Blanket Exercise.

### 7. True North Salon-Central School Sculpture

Commissioner Zabinski stated that he will try to meet again with Ashley of True North Salon before the next meeting. He will ask her to come to speak to the Commission, we will put on the agenda.

### 8. Blandin Mural

The Blandin Mural is still in progress. The test materials were ordered, heavy duty vinyl.

### 9. Pokegama Band Map-Karen Noyce

Commissioner Zabinski gave an update (handout and on screen) in regards to the Pokegama Band Map Project from Karen Noyce. The handout outlines goals, components, steps to achieving the goals and completion of the project, key components of the history to be communicated project design examples.

Under achieving goals and the completion of the project, Karen Noyce asks that the City and the Arts & Culture Commission start the official process of vetting potential sites. The general consensus of the Commission is that this makes sense and will check with the City Engineering Department.

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to ask the City to identify potential sites for the Pokegama Band Map Project by Karen Noyce. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

## SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

### BUSINESS:

3. Artists in Residence Follow-Up
4. NE Neighborhood Art Project
5. Riverfest 2024

## UPDATES:

6. Strategic Plan/New Commissioner Training Subcommittee
7. True North Salon-Central School Sculpture - Ashley
8. Blandin Mural
9. Pokegama Band Map-Karen Noyce

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman