



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, November 07, 2023  
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 Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Derek Fox

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Angie Miskovich

City Staff Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Matt Wegwerth

MacRostie Staff Present: Program Manager Emily Carlson

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to accept item 4A) Blanket Exercise to the Agenda. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Approve Minutes from October 3, 2023

**Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to approve the October 3, 2023 Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**

**FINANCIALS:**

2. Approve October 2023 Financials

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the October Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**

**BUSINESS:**

3. Review NW Neighborhood Art Project
  - 1) Review Additional Information
  - 2) Discuss Awarding

The Commission requested to pause this discussion. There may be a future park renovation in the works and possible funding which may affect the art placement. Emily Carlson, MacRostie Project Manager will draft a letter to the artists to let them know that the NW Neighborhood Art Project has been paused until January when the Commission has more information.

4. Mayor's Art Award
  - 1) Discuss/Score Nominations from Social Media
  - 2) Discuss Art Award-Twisted Metals Estimate
  - 1) There were approximately 403 responses to the Mayor's Art Award voting on Facebook. The winner of this year's award will be the Night Makers Market.
  - 2) As per the estimate, Twisted Metals will make metal pinecones and powdercoat. The Commission will order five (this year's) and for the next four year's awards as it's less costly. Including the plaques from Treasure Bay, the total cost should be roughly between \$500 to \$550.00. The Award could be presented at a December City Council Meeting.

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to order Art Award Pinecones from Twisted Metals and the corresponding plaques from Treasure Bay Printing up to a cost of \$550.00. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**

- 4A) Commissioner Peterson explained that she thought that the Blanket Exercise would benefit not only the City Council, but the Human Rights Commission and the Arts & Culture Commission. It would be put on through Welcoming Communities, be approximately \$250.00 per group and takes approximately 2 hours.

UPDATES:

5. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noyce

Karen Noyce spoke at Indigenous People's day. During the discussion, it was suggested that she continue to update the Commission on her research and progress. When needed, the Commission stated that it would help fund her Public-Permanent Map (sculpture) Project and that this should also be presented to the Human Rights Commission due to the Native Cultural aspects in the area.

6. Nightmaker's Market

Commissioner Gorman requested that the Arts & Culture Commission donate funds for the art supplies for the Night Makers Market Event on December 1st, 2023. After discussion a motion was made to make a donation.

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to donate \$500.00 to the Grand Rapids Arts for arts supplies at the Jingle & Mingle Event on December 1, 2023. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox. Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Gorman**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

- 3) NW Neighborhood Art Project
- 4) Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation - Art Donation
- 5) Remaining Budget Funds

UPDATES:

- 6) Blanket Exercise
- 7) Band Map - Karen Noyce
- 8) Night Maker's Market
- 9) Commission Terms

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant