



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 05, 2022
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Commission Chair Hedlund called the meeting to order at 3:52pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anne-Marie Erickson
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commission Chair Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Gail Otteson
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Ed Zabinski
Also Present: City Administrator Tom Pagel

ABSENT:

Commissioner Tom Sippola

PUBLIC INPUT: (if anyone wishes to address the Commission) None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda by Commissioner Zabinski, second by Commissioner Otteson to accept the agenda for this meeting. All in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve May 3, 2022 Minutes
Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, second by Commissioner Peterson to accept the May 3rd, 2022 Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

2. The Arts & Culture Commission's Financial Balance to date is \$6,806.00.
The Commission reviewed the financial balance of \$6,806 and the Juneteenth donation of \$425 has not been taken out yet. Motion made by Commissioner Otteson and second by Commissioner Peterson to accept the financial statement. All in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS:

3. Mayor's Art Award
City Administrator Tom Pagel discussed the Mayor's Art Award scoresheet. After they are turned in from each Commissioner, he will discuss the scoring with the Commission. Each Commissioner will rank each nominee on the spreadsheet from 1 to 5 according to the criteria and turn in to the City Administrator Pagel before a set deadline of the 18th of July. Commissioner Erickson would like to revisit the criteria for next year so that it is reflective of the updated curriculum from September 2021 amendment. The City Administrator will check out the past amendment.
4. Juneteenth
Juneteenth was a great turnout with over 300 in attendance.
5. Art Plan and Goal Setting
Discussion regarding the neighborhood meetings. City Administrator Tom Pagel said that the city would be willing to send out a mailer for the various different neighborhood meetings. Commissioner Zabinski and Commissioner Gorman previously talked to City Councilmember Connelly regarding drafting and signing a letter for a mailer. The city, is divided into four quadrants (NW, NE, SW and SE) which use Pokegama Ave as the north-south boundary and then the Mississippi River as the east to west boundary (the City Administrator drew a map for this as the discussion ensued). Each of the quadrants have many neighborhood differences.
6. KAXE Art Project
The KAXE Art Project's concrete is being installed and the musical park is underway between KAXE and the Grand Rapids Library.
7. Duane Goodwin
Duane Goodman says that he will be done with the sculpture by the end of the month. City Administrator Tom Pagel asked if the Commission would like to have an "unveiling" of the sculpture. Commissioner Peterson said that she would assist with the planning of the event. It would be nice to have some kind of interview regarding the sculpture and his story, as he is currently in Washington D.C. accepting a National Award. City Administrator Tom Pagel said that he would give contact information to Commissioner Peterson of an experienced podcaster to assist with Duane's Story.

UPDATES:

8. Artist in Residence
Update from Duane Dobbs, that there are three separate artists in the Central School Artist in Residence area at this time.
9. Public Art Design Workshop - Stormwater Art Design Class
Lea Friesen held the Stormwater Art Design Class earlier this summer and was on the radio talking about it recently. The Commission would like to get some feedback and see the designs.

10. Art Liaison

No update at this time, need to reach out to Katie.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There is a chalk drawing vendor from Maple Grove that is interested in painting at Riverfest. This would add an interactive art opportunity to the festival. The Commission would like to see examples/samples of the chalk drawing and request a price from him. Forward this item for further discussion onto the next agenda.

The portrait artist will be at Riverfest again this year. He had a silent auction of the portraits that he did last year. The bands gave him permission and there was no contract with the Arts & Culture Commission, but it would be an opportunity in the future to incorporate Art into the Festival. Forward this item for further discussion onto the next agenda.

Discussion regarding lighting the Pedestrian Bridge with LED or Solar Lighting.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Mayor's Art Award
4. Art Plan and Goal Setting
5. KAXE Art Project
6. Duane Goodwin Unveiling Plan
7. Portrait Artist
8. Chalk Drawing Vendor

UPDATES:

9. Follow-Up: Public Art Design Workshop - Stormwater Art Design Class
10. Follow-Up: Art Liaison

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Erickson and second by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn at 5:02pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by Cynthia Lyman