



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gorman at 3:46pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Amanda Lamma
Commissioner Angie Miskovich
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh

City Staff, City Administrator, Tom Pagel
MacRostie Interim Liaison, Art Shop Manager Caleb Christiansen

ABSENT

Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Derek Fox

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

None Present

SETTING THE AGENDA:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. October 1, 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the October 1, 2024, Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh.

FINANCIALS:

2. October 31, 2024, Financials

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Zabinski to approve the October 31, 2024, Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh.

BUSINESS:

3. Mayor's Art Award

Caleb Christiansen will be taking over the MacRostie Liaison position with the City for Emily Carlson, who is leaving the area. He said that he and Emily will finish up on the Mayor's Art Award and forward the nominations to the City for voting and then bring the winner back for the December 3rd, 2024, Arts & Culture Meeting.

4. Remaining Budget

The MacRostie will be sending an invoice for their Liaison services that will take most of the remainder of the budget.

5. Jingle Mingle

Vice Chair Gorman stated that there would not be a Jingle Mingle this year. Caleb Christiansen stated that there will be some events around town, such as a Holiday Shop with MacRostie.

UPDATES:

6. NE Neighborhood Art Project

The artist of the NE Neighborhood Art Project, Greg Mueller, will be posting pictures of his progress of the NE Art Project.

7. Karen Noyce

Karen Noyce did a presentation for her update on her Pokegama Band Map Project that she's been working on. It's an intriguing and compelling mapped history of the native population's

experiences in this area for all to see. After the presentation, Karen Noyce wanted to know if there was interest and if so, what would the next step be to move forward with her Project. The City Administrator, Tom Pagel, would like to take the next step to support Karen's Project and have her present her Pokegama Band Map Project at the January 27th, 2025, City Council Worksession. There may be Arts & Culture Commissioners attending to show support of her Project.

8. Indigenous People's Day

The MacRostie and all involved with this event did a great job. Even though it was cold, there was a huge turnout of students and there were people enjoying themselves throughout the event.

9. Blandin Mural

Commissioner Squadroni stated the photos have been taken and are ready for printing and testing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Peterson announced that everyone is invited to view the Lights in the Pines, beginning November 22nd, 2024, cost is \$10.00 per vehicle.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

- 3) Mayor's Art Award
- 4) Remaining Budget - MacRostie Invoice

UPDATES:

- 5) NE Neighborhood Art Project
- 6) Blandin Mural

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman.