



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 04, 2023**  
**3:45 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:52pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Emily Carlson, MacRostie Art Center Program Manager

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

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the Agenda as presented. All in favor, motion passed.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Approve Minutes from February 7, 2023

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the February 7, 2023 Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.**

**FINANCIALS:**

2. Approve the Financials for February 2023, there has been no change to the Financials for March.

**Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Second by Commissioner Peterson to approve the unchanged Financials from February 2023 for March 2023. All in favor, motion passed.**

## BUSINESS:

### 3. Welcome New Commission Members

At this time there are no new Commission members to welcome. The Commission believes that there may be an application waiting to go to the City Council for approval. City Staff to check with the City Clerk.

### 4. Review Mayor's Art Award Policy and Score Sheet

Discussion regarding the Mayor's Art Award began with the reason for the Award. The Award was set up with the idea that would recognize businesses or individuals that promoted and highlighted art in the community to make it a well rounded and better place to live.

One of the problems of the award is that it needs more marketing and promotion. It could possibly be showcased at other events such as Tall Timber Days in order to provide a broader cross section of the community.

There would still be time to get some nominees by August if the Commission published in the Herald Review (2X), possibly the Chamber's newsletter and Kaxe. A new description would have to be written up for the City Council to approve of the deadline change. The application/nomination form could be on the City's website. The Commission would need to work with the City Administrator regarding the timeframe change.

### 5. Riverfest

The discussion about Riverfest focused on the art involvement for the festival goers. Different thoughts on the art ranged from interactive to sidewalk art, but it would need to be low tech and easy to manage. The Commission has five months to plan something and agreed to table this discussion until their next meeting.

## UPDATES:

### 6. Pokegama Band Map

Commissioner Zabinski agreed that the Commission could be useful in some way to Karen Noice's project and he will follow up with Karen and report back to the Commission.

### 7. RFQ Update for the Neighborhood Art Project

Emily Carlson, Program Manager for the MacRostie Art Center and Neighborhood Art Project Coordinator to the Commission updated the RFQ and distributed it out to the public. It was noted that the project deadline changed to April 21, 2023.

So far there are seven applications, with five pretty solid and three from Minnesota. The selection will then narrow down to three and an additional addendum for the next round for consideration will be sent out.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Arts & Culture Commission may not have a quorum on their next meeting date, May 2nd, 2023, so that meeting will be cancelled. The Commission will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 3:45pm.

## SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

## BUSINESS:

1. Welcome New Commission Members
2. Review Mayor's Art Award Policy and Score Sheet
3. Riverfest

UPDATES:

4. Pokegama Band Map
5. Neighborhood Art Project Update

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Second by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant