



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 07, 2023
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Arts & Culture Meeting was called to order at 3:52pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa

City Administrator, Tom Pagel

ABSENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Squadroni to add an Agenda Item #8, an Update on the MacRostie Assistants. All in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes from January 31, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and Second by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the Minutes from January 3, 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

2. Approve the Financials for January 31, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Lamma and Second by Commissioner Peterson to approve the Financials for January 31, 2023. All in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS:

3. Welcome New Commission Members

The Commissioners welcomed new Commissioner Amanda Lamma. There are still a few vacancies and some potential candidates that the Commission would like see apply to fill the openings.

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

After a discussion regarding the goal of the Mayor's Art Award, the Commission decided to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Second by Commissioner Lamma to table the Mayor's Art Award until the next month's meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

5. Riverfest

Discussion around incorporating art at Riverfest. Something small scale, permanent or changing, interactive, chalk art contest, kits, kid friendly and something anyone attending the festival can participate. Commissioner Squadroni volunteered to come up with some examples of art that can be done at Riverfest.

UPDATES:

6. Pokegama Band Map

Commissioner Zabinski sent an email that he met with the Karen regarding the map of the Native American Routes here in greater Grand Rapids. The map is stored at Itasca County's GIS. He said that the challenge is what should she do with the map. to do with the map, whether to continue. Until there is more information and the Commission can talk to Commissioner Zabinski, they decided to table this item.

Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Second by Commissioner Peterson to table this item until further information is presented. All in favor, motion passed.

7. Review the Final RFP for the Neighborhood Art Project

The Commission reviewed the Final RFP documents to go out to artists. The budget will be approximately 50 thousand. Once they are submitted, the Commission will interview them. Commissioner Lamma would like the art project could be illuminated as she said others don't have adequate lighting at night. The Final RFP will go out as soon as it is approved by the Commission. It is noted that Commissioner Squadroni will recuse himself, not being part of the judging, but will still be involved in the process, just abstaining from the voting.

8. City Administrator Tom Pagel will reach out to Katie at the MacRostie to assist with the RFP. It will be a perfect example to use the Project Manager so the project doesn't get stalled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Welcome New Commissioner Members
4. Review Mayor's Art Award Policy and Score Sheet
5. Riverfest

UPDATES:

6. Pokegama Band Map
7. Review the Final RFP Update for the Neighborhood Art Project
8. MacRostie Assistant Update

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Squadroni to adjourn at 5:15pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman