



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 01, 2024**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hedlund at 3:50pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Derek Fox  
City Staff, City Administrator, Tom Pagel  
MacRostie Program Manager, Emily Carlson

ABSENT:

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich  
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Squadroni to amend the agenda to include #6 New Member Training and #7 the Mayor's Art Award. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. July 2, 2024
2. August 7, 2024, Worksession

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve both the July 2, 2024, minutes and the August 7th, 2024, worksession minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox**

FINANCIALS:

3. No Change to July, August or September Financials

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to accept that there has been no change to the Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox**

BUSINESS:

4. Indigenous People's Day Cost Participation

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Zabinski to authorize sponsoring the remainder of Invoice #661 from the MacRostie Art Center for \$1,400.00 for event expenses for the Indigenous People's Day on October 14th, 2024 (Human Rights Commission authorized sponsoring \$3,400.00). Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox**

5. NE Neighborhood Art Project

The Commission discussed signage for the NE Neighborhood Art Project. The City Administrator, Tom Pagel, will request concepts from Eck Designs that could also incorporate historical photos for identification and education of the area. There was also an idea to post updates of the project on social media when available from the artist.

- 6) New Member Training

The Commission will move this to the November meeting and will check the City's Municipal Code regarding Commission membership. It was noted that a position vacancy does not count against a quorum.

- 7) Mayor's Art Award

MacRostie Program Manager Emily Carlson stated that she will send out a ballot for nominations and asked the Commission to put in for her by October 15th, to include a short description. At the November meeting, after the nominations come in, they will be posted on

social media for voting. A decision can then be made at the December meeting so that the award winner can be announced at the City Council meeting December 16th.

UPDATES:

6. Riverfest 2024

Riverfest saw approximately 2,200 attendees which was great attendance as numbers for these events are down everywhere and there were good reviews of the event.

7. Blandin Mural

Digital images were taken, the timeline, testing and locations for the photos are forthcoming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

- 3) Mayor's Art Award
- 4) Remaining Budget
- 5) Jingle Mingle

UPDATES:

- 6) NE Neighborhood Art Project
- 7) Karen Noyce|
- 8) Indigenous People's Day
- 9) Blandin Mural

ADJOURN:

**Commission Chair Hedlund asked for a motion to adjourn at 4:50pm. Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to adjourn. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox**