



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 04, 2022**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Gail Otteson  
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator, Tom Pagel

ABSENT

Commissioner Tom Sippola

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

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion made by Commissioner Otteson, Second by Commissioner Zabinski to accept the Agenda. All in favor, motion passed.**

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes from August 2, 2022  
**Motion by Commissioner Gorman to accept the Minutes from August 2, 2022 with one name change on Item 6, Second by Commissioner Peterson. All in favor, motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

FINANCIALS:

2. Approve the Financials ending September 2022. There is no change from the August 2022 Financials.  
**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Second by Commissioner Otteson to accept the September 2022 Financials. All in favor, motion passed.**

## BUSINESS:

### 3. Art Plan and Goal Setting

Commission welcomed Commissioner Squadroni.

The Neighborhood Letter for the first area of the city targeted for a Neighborhood Meeting was in the NW. After discussing venues and times, it was decided that the meeting would be held at the IRA Civic Center on Nov. 10, 2022 at 6pm.

The first neighborhood would include residents on the west side of Highway 38, the south side of Legion Lane (aka NW 14th St), the east side of NW 17th Ave and the south side of NW 5th St. This meeting would be an information gathering meeting to gain input and narrow down themes for art in this Northwest Neighborhood. This is part of the Year 3 of the 5 Year Implementation Plan - Neighborhood Identity and we will start with one and see what we learn.

### 4. Duane Goodwin

Unveiling Event:

Duane Goodwin's sculpture at Riverside Park will be unveiled at the Indigenous People's Day event October 10, 2022. There will be speakers, food and Commissioner Hedlund will give the introduction for the unveiling of the sculpture and the Mayor will read the Resolution.

Interview: Leah Lemm:

Leah Lemm will meet with Duane today, 10-4-22, for no cost. It will be one or two sessions collaborating with Scott at Lakeland TV and could lead to a documentary.

## UPDATES:

### 5. Public Art Design Workshop Follow-Up: Stormwater Art Design Class

Lea Friesen is finished with the Public Art Design for the Stormwater catch basins. She is finalizing all existing murals, of which there are 14 large ones. Feedback was positive but many wondered about the funding of the murals.

The Commission can check with Dom Deguisseppi regarding the longevity of the murals and the funding for them. Education and Public Awareness are just two of the different requirements for storm water permitting. It was suggested that maybe there should be a city post on the murals and that Lea should go to the city council and let them know that the project is complete.

### 6. Art Liaison Follow-Up

No follow-up information.

### 7. Nightmakers Market

Discussion of the Nightmakers Market. MacRostie is going to request to close the whole block of NW 1st Ave during a First Friday Art night and will include an open air market that has craft beer, food and artists. Along with that, there is a request to use Central School space for a shop small businesses Saturday Event. None of the NightMakers Market are hobbyists and these events give them a place to showcase. They injected over \$12,000 alone within four events.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Quick announcement that Kayla Abid will be moving back to town and it was mentioned to her that this Commission has openings.

The budget for next year will be \$7,500. City road projects, such as 21st St SW, contribute money into the account.

Positions for the Commission that are coming to term - Commissioner Otteson can stay on and Commissioners Sippola and Hedlund will be at the end of their terms in December of this year.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Review 5 Year Art Plan and Discuss Year 3
4. Roll of Arts & Culture at Riverfest

UPDATES:

5. Recap: Duane Goodwin  
Unveiling Event  
Leah Lemm Interview
6. Nightmakers Market

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski and Second by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn at 4:56pm. All in favor, motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman