



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 03, 2022**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:48pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Anne-Marie Erickson

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman

Commissioner Myrna Peterson

Commissioner Ed Zabinski

City Administrator, Tom Pagel

ABSENT:

Commissioner Gail Otteson

Commission Chair Kari Hedlund

Commissioner Tom Sippola

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

None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to accept the Agenda as written, second by Commissioner Gorman. All in favor, motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

**Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson and second by Commissioner Gorman to accept the April 5th Minutes as written. All in favor, motion passed.**

1. April 5th, 2022 Minutes

**Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson to accept the April 5th, 2022 Minutes, second by Commissioner Gorman. All in favor, motion passed.**

FINANCIALS:

Reviewed that there was no change to financials.

2. There was no change to the Arts & Culture Commission's Financials from March, the balance is the same, \$7,056.00.

There was no vote on the financials as it had not changed since the April 5th, 2022 Meeting.

BUSINESS:

3. Juneteenth Request for Funding - Seraphia Gravelle, Kootasca Community Action Team

Seraphia Gravelle, Community Equity and Anti-Racism Organizer at Kootasca Community Action, met with the Commission to request funding for the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th, 2022. They have raised \$1,150.00 and are asking the Commission to fund \$850.00. The Commission agreed to fund their event and will also encourage the Human Rights Commission to split the \$850.00 with them.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson and second by Commissioner Erickson to make a donation of \$425.00 to the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19th, 2022, to the event sponsor, Kootasca Community Action and encourage the Human Rights Commission to match this contribution. All in favor, motion passed.**

4. Commission Size - Recruitment

The Commission can retain up to nine Commissioners, so there is room for two new Commissioners. All new applicants need to submit an application, encourage them to email or drop off their applications. A copy of the application is also on the city's website. Commissioner Erickson's neighbor is Aaron, the canoe sculptor, he would be a good candidate as well as Seraphia. She has not submitted her application, but is interested. Also, there is no requirement to be a Commissioner, no need to be a city resident, it is okay to live outside the city limits.

5. Art Plan & Goal Setting

Discussion regarding the Neighborhood Public Art Projects. Commissioner Erickson has not heard back from Lea Friesen whether she is interested or not to represent the SE. There would be one City Councilor per City Quadrant. Commissioner Gorman left two messages with Councilor Blake, but has not heard from him. She will try emailing him again and tag-team with Commissioner Zabinsky to get a hold of him and Councilor Toven.

The Neighborhood Meetings should be near the possible gathering spots that are listed in the attachment that Commissioner Erickson handed out and if the weather does not cooperate, there should be a Plan B. The Commissioners need to nail a date for the meetings and find ways to invite the neighbors and also use social media to promote what the Commission is trying to do. Commissioner Gorman said that she would talk to the paper regarding an article.

The pairings are as follows; Commissioner Erickson to talk to Councilor Blake, Commissioner Gorman to talk to Mayor Christy, Commissioner Otteson to talk to Councilor Toven and Commissioner Zabinsky to talk to Councilor Connelly.

6. KAXE Art Project

The KAXE Art Project is moving right along and will be in place prior to Riverfest, with assistance from the Library. City Administrator Tom Pagel gave a brief synopsis of Riverfest and it's still being updated.

UPDATES:

7. Artist in Residence - David Dobbs

The Artist in Residence should be new tenants in June, but if there are no applicants, they will stay.

8. Mayor's Art Award

Discussion of the Mayor's Arts Award. The Commission decided to put out another Facebook post and Emily was mentioned to do an article on the history of the award. The Award will be decided at the June meeting.

9. Duane Goodwin

The Duane Goodwin site will be blessed by Paul Day, Elder and Tribal Judge, on Wednesday May 4th at noon.

10. Public Art Design Workshop - Stormwater Art Design Class Follow-Up

The Public Art Design Workshop was full, looking forward to an update from Lea Friesen.

11. Art Liaison

The Arts Liaison will potentially be a shared employee with the MacRostie Art Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Approve Minutes
2. Approve Financials

BUSINESS

3. Mayor's Art Award
4. Juneteenth
5. Art Plan and Goal Setting

UPDATES

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ADJOURN:

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Respectfully submitted by

Cynthia Lyman