



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023  
3:45 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Special Meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission was called to order at 3:57pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Jennifer Gorman, Commissioner Kari Hedlund,, Commissioner Myrna Peterson, Commissioner Aaron Squadroni, Commissioner Amanda Lamppa, Commissioner Derek Fox

**CITY STAFF:** City Engineer/PW Director Matt Wegwerth

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ed Zabinski, Commissioner Angie Miskovich

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**BUSINESS:**

1. Approve Minutes for July 5, 2023

**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the July 5th, 2023 minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox.**

2. Approve a Participating Contribution Request of \$2,000 for Indigenous People's Day, from the Human Rights Commission.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to approve the Participating Contribution Request of \$2,000 for to the Human Rights Commission for Indigenous People's Day. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox.**

3. Neighborhood Artist Presentations:

4:00PM Ann Klefstad

5:15PM Greg Mueller

6:30PM Tom Page

Three artists gave presentations for the NW Neighborhood Art Project.

1) Ann Klefstad's proposal had two separate designs to choose from. The first was a "We Are the Forest" which featured brushed aluminum trees and mosaic flower towers. Her second design was "River and Stone" which featured a large overburden rock with a bronze river made into a bench.

2) Greg Mueller presented his design proposal called "Social Cohesion" Sculpture. It depicted four blue swings and a center stage/platform. The design would be fabricated out of steel, bent per his design and powder-coated.

3) Tom Page presented his design proposal of a bronze sculpture depicting two figures, a performer and an athlete, situated on the top of books. The sculpture would stand approximately 4ft tall on a 4ft base, making it approximately 8 foot tall.

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to adjourn at 6:20pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Fox.**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant