



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 05, 2023**  
**3:45 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 4:02 pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Derek Fox

City Staff Present: Director of Library Services Will Richter

MacRostie Staff Present: Program Manager Emily Carlson

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

None.

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to approve the Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Miskovich.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Approve Minutes from November 7, 2023

**Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the November 7th, 2023 Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Miskovich.**

#### FINANCIALS:

2. Approve November 2023 Financials

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the November 2023 Financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Miskovich.**

#### BUSINESS:

3. Grand Rapids Area Library Foundation - Art Donation

Unfortunately the Commission's funds are depleted for this year.

4. Remaining Budget Funds

No discussion as the remaining budget is zero.

5. Blanket Exercise

The Blanket Exercise was discussed and how it ties into the cultural aspects of the Arts & Culture Commission. The consensus of the Commission was to move forward for planning purposes and commit to a collaboration with the City Council and the Human Rights Commission for some time in late March-early April of 2024.. No motion needed at this time.

6. Commissioner Terms

There are three Commissioners whose terms are expiring at the end of 2023, Commissioners Peterson, Gorman and Fox. All three can choose to be re-appointed to the Arts & Culture Commission through City Clerk, Kim Gibeau who will know the procedure. There is still a vacancy and the Commissioners will brainstorm and explore options to fill that seat.

#### UPDATES:

7. NW Neighborhood Art Project

Emily Carlson, MacRostie Project Manager, will let Ann Klefstad know that the Commission will reach out to her sometime in 2024 as per Tom Pagel.

8. Night Maker's Market

The Night Makers Market brought many people into the downtown area for the evening of December 1, 2023 and it was a good turn out. During this event, the Night Maker's Market hands out kids art supplies and the Grand Rapids Arts is asking for a kids art supplies contribution from the Commission.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Miskovich to partner with the Grand Rapids Arts in the amount of \$500.00 to assist with the children's art supplies during the Night Makers Market Event on December 1, 2023. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Miskovich.**

9. Mayor's Art Award

The Commission would like to have the City of Grand Rapids City Council award the Mayor's Art Award at their December 18th, 2023 City Council meeting. The request to get onto the Agenda for the December 18, 2023 City Council meeting should be addressed to the City Clerk Kim Gibeau by Wednesday, December 13th, prior to the meeting.

10. Band Map - Karen Noyce

The Commission discussed the letter and presentation from Karen Noyce and they believe that her project is a good fit for the Arts & Culture Commission. It will provide not only awareness but could be very educational. The type of design and location have yet to be determined and it wouldn't have to necessarily be installed down by the river, but the public has appreciated the efforts there already. In the new year, Commissioner Zabinski would like to designate a Band Map Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Welcome New and Returning Commissioners
4. Riverfest 2024

UPDATES:

5. NW Neighborhood Art Project
6. NW Park Design
7. Blanket Exercise
8. Mayor's Art Award Review
9. Band Map

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to adjourn. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Miskovich.**

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant