



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 2, 2022
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

Commission Chair Hedlund called the meeting to order at 3:54pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commission Chair Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Gail Otteson
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Tom Sippola

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

City Administrator, Tom Pagel

ABSENT:

Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Ed Zabinski

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Commissioner Gorman requested to add an item #11 to the Agenda, the Nightmaker's Market.

Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Second by Commissioner Peterson to add item #11, the Nightmaker's Market to the Agenda. All in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve the July 5th, 2022 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Gorman to approve the amended July 5, 2022 Minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

2. Approve the Financials ending July 2022 - there has been no change at \$6,806.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and Second by Commissioner Gorman to approve the July 2022 Financials. All in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS:

3. New Commissioner Welcome
Commissioner Squadroni is absent for today's meeting, but he will be a great addition.
4. Resignation of Commissioner Anne-Marie Erickson
The resignation of Commissioner Anne-Marie Erickson was approved at the July 25, 2022 City Council Meeting.
5. Mayor's Art Award
The results were tallied for the Mayor's Art Award. They were based upon a total number of points for each nominee. Kathy Dodge came out very strong. The award will be given at Riverfest and because she is not here, it should go to Steve. Commission Chair Hedlund will have a conversation with Steve as to how to honor Kathy winning the award.
Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Second by Commissioner Peterson to recommend that the Mayor's Art Award be given to Kathy Dodge. All in favor, motion passed.
6. Art Plan and Goal Setting
The first target for the Neighborhood Meetings was the Forest Lake area that is west of Highway 38, east of 17th Ave NW and north of 4th St NW. Commissioner Gorman to draft a letter and will follow up with examples of art around town. Commissioner Gorman will update the letter, will check on dates with City Councilor Connelly and follow up with Commissioner Zabinski. City Administrator Pagel to meet with Commission Chair Hedlund and Commissioner Gorman after this meeting to coordinate the meeting date and place.
7. KAXE Art Project
City Administrator Tom Pagel to check on the delivery status of the art project.
8. Duane Goodwin
 - Unveiling Event
The unveiling will be on Indigenous People's Day, October 10th, 2022 at 4pm, so the City Council can attend the pipe and drum ceremony. City Administrator and Commissioner Peterson will reach out, coordinate and assist with the planning and come back with a cost at the September meeting.
 - Interview: Leah Lemm
The Commission would like to see a proposal for the interview from either Leah Lemm or Scott, the reporter from Lakeland.
9. Portrait Artist at Riverfest
The Commission discussed the Riverfest Portrait Artist from last year and said that he was open to ideas for this year.
10. Chalk Drawing Vendor
There was no discussion, but one of the Commissioners asked about a face painter and the consensus was, no.
11. Added Agenda Item #11, Nightmaker's Market. Commissioner Gorman described that this is a group of vendors selling for non-profit. They request the use of various spaces around the area for an evening and the funds that they receive for their homemade goods go to a specific

charity chosen for that month, such as Great Tails Foster Care. They have held their event at Hotel Rapids and they do have a proposal with EDA to use a space.

UPDATES:

11. Public Art Design Workshop Follow-Up: Stormwater Art Design Class

The background for the storm drains has been painted by the Stormwater Art Class that was held this summer. At this time it looks like a little bit of dead space, but Lea Friesen has free reign over the creativity for the stencils and we may ask for something to be added.

12. Art Liaison Follow-Up

No update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There are currently three artists in the Central School "Attic". They are all new and the Commission questioned if they will be there for a six-month period.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

1. New Commissioner Welcome
2. Art Plan and Goal Setting
3. Duane Goodwin
 - Unveiling Event
 - Interview Update

UPDATES:

3. Riverfest
4. Mayor's Art Award
5. Portrait Artist
6. Chalk Drawing Vendor
7. KAXE Art Project Update
8. Public Art Design Workshop Follow-Up: Stormwater Art Design Class
9. Art Liaison Follow-Up
10. Nightmaker's Market

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and Second by Commissioner Sippola to adjourn at 4:30pm. All in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman