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## **ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 01, 2025  
3:45 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the Arts & Culture Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1st, 2025, at 3:45pm in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Commission Chair Hedlund called the meeting to order at 4:52pm

### **ROLL CALL:**

#### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Angie Miskovich  
Commissioner Derek Fox  
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh  
Commissioner Nancy Jacobson

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
City Liaison, City Administrator, Tom Pagel

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

None

### **SETTING THE AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the agenda as written. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

### **APPROVE MINUTES:**

1. Approve April 1, 2025, Minutes

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to approve the April 1, 2025, Minutes. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson**

**FINANCIALS:**

2. No Change to the Financials

**Motion made by Commissioner Miskovich, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to approve the financials. Voting Yea: Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson**

**BUSINESS:**

3. New Commissioner Welcome/Introductions

The Commission welcomed and introduced themselves to new Commissioner Nancy Jacobson.

4. Human Rights Commission

Commission Chair Angie Erickson could not attend this meeting. This item will be moved to the August meeting.

5. Artists in the Attic

It's a transition month for the Artist in the Attic, where the last three artists are moving out and the next three are moving in.

6. MacRostie Happenings

MacRostie will have two new artists the first Thursday this week and everyone is gearing up for the art fair on July 12th.

7. Children's Light Drawings

The Commission explained that these are going to be winners from a kid's drawing contest put to lights for display at Christmas time, possibly one per year. This item will go on the August Agenda.

8. Crystal Lake Informational Signs

There is an attachment of the informational signs for the Ice Lake Art and it was mentioned that Greg Mueller's name was spelled incorrectly.

9. Riverfest 2025

There are artists that do the art of cloth stamping and are with "Fire in the Village" and it was proposed by Commissioner Hedlund to have them do their art at the 2025 Riverfest. The Commission decided that they would like to sponsor them this year for \$500.00.

**Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to sponsor Fire in the Village for \$500.00 at Riverfest 2025. Voting Yea: Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson. Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Hedlund**

#### UPDATES:

10. Greg Mueller

City Liaison, City Administrator, Tom Pagel emailed progress photos and a progress report from Greg Mueller and this will go on the August Agenda.

11. Hill Annex Mine

Commissioner Squadroni's depictions of possible mine art were attached, but this will go on the August Agenda as he was absent from this meeting.

12. Worksession Recap

Commission Chair Hedlund stated that the Implementation Plan update (attached) from the worksession is more of a working document and is easier for all commissioners to keep track of progression. A new updated version includes the financial buckets and will be attached in August as it was too late for this agenda.

13. Judy Garland Festival/Mobility Mania

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Hedlund stated that at this year's Riverfest, they will be partnering with other lots for parking and there will also be more biking availability with Ardent on board.

#### SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

#### BUSINESS:

3. Human Rights Commission
4. MacRostie Happenings
5. Children's Light Drawings

#### UPDATES:

6. Riverfest 2025
7. Greg Mueller
8. Hill Annex Mine
9. Worksession Recap

#### ADJOURN:

Chair Hedman adjourned the meeting at 4:26pm.  
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman