



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 01, 2022
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:52pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Ed Zabinski
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Tom Sippola

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

City IT Director Erik Scott requested to speak under the Public Input regarding the changes coming to the City's email. Due to those changes, he is requesting that the Commission make a decision as to keep their City email or use a personal email for Commission correspondence. Just to let the members know, both are subject to Minnesota Statutes and can be audited. Please respond by December 5th prior to the migration of the city to grandrapidsmn.gov.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Request to add the Neighborhood Meeting into the Agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski and Second by Commissioner Gorman to approve the amended agenda by adding the Neighborhood Meeting. All approved, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes from October 4, 2022

Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni and Second by Commissioner Peterson to accept the amended minutes. All in favor, motion passed.

FINANCIALS:

2. Approve Financials for the month of October 2022

Motion was made by Commissioner Zabinski, Second by Commissioner Gorman to accept the Financials from October 2022. All in favor, motion passed.

BUSINESS:

3. Added Agenda Item: Neighborhood Meeting

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5. Review 5 Year Art Plan and Discuss Year 3

Discussion continued when the question came up as to whether all of the neighborhoods are covered in Year 3 of the 5 Year Art Plan? Response was that the timeline is on page 32 of the 5 Year Art Plan and it spans more than one year. There's a ripple effect of working with others within the community, it's cohesion. Looking at other community art, it was noted that a color by numbers mural was done in Brainerd and Bemidji did one of beavers.

The Neighborhood Art could be a "heritage" tree which could be an important element of a neighborhood or a special place that might already have a story behind it. Tying an historical

element to the selected location with art work could be done at a location such as Blandin Beach or even a sculpture at the IRA Civic Center.

6. Roll of Arts & Culture at Riverfest

Discussion having art in the downtown area. Having artists at events becomes more of a draw for the event and it also infuses art into that event. Some of the art doesn't have to last long, for example, with chalk, it's about getting people to try new things.

UPDATES:

7. Recap: Duane Goodwin

Unveiling Event

Recap of the Sculpture Dedication for Duane Goodwin. The Dedication was given at the Indigenous People's Day Event on Oct 10, 2022. There were about 200 or so that attended. He is finishing up with the bench, he had a little more to do.

Leah Lemm Interview

Lea Lemm submitted a piece to National Native News. She met with Duane the next day and hoped to make a series of historical or sellable to a tv network. You can have access to her post on NativeNews.

8. Nightmakers Market

Discussion of the Nightmaker's Market at the First Friday Event on December 2nd, 2022. There will be approximately 21 vendors, food, drinks, art, Santa and Mr. Bullseye. There is a request from the Grand Rapids Arts to assist with a 10'x15' 3 sided tent with heater rented from Lefty's for Santa for \$1,500.00.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peterson, Second by Commissioner Zabinski to partner with Grand Rapids Arts for the first Friday Event Tent for Santa for up to \$750.00. All in favor, motion passed.

There is a request for NW 1st Avenue to be closed and there will be tree lighting ceremony the same night.

Discussion of the make and take kits that the Library has done. Art that can be taken home, it's encouraging people to make things. Need to talk to Will at the Library to get more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Peterson announced that there is a kickoff for the "GoMarti" song. There are two tickets for the winner to the movie Legally Blonde (not from the Arts & Culture Commission).

Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Second by Commissioner Gorman that the City pay the winner of the GoMarti song contest for their services. All in favor, motion passed.

Commissioner Peterson also stated that MNDOT is only sponsoring one project- worth up to 10million for it to go to Cohasset, so there will be other companies that will want to come here.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Formalize the 2022 Budget
4. Review the 2023 Budget

UPDATE:

5. Neighborhood Meeting
6. Nightmakers Market

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman