



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 05, 2023**  
**3:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Arts & Culture Meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:54pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioner Ed Zabinski, Commissioner Jennifer Gorman, Commissioner Kari Hedlund, Commissioner Myrna Peterson, Commissioner Aaron Squadroni, Commissioner Amanda Lamppa, Commissioner Angie Miskovich and Commissioner Derek Fox

CITY STAFF: City Administrator Tom Pagel

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to approve the Agenda as written. All in favor, Motion passed.**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. May 16, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

**Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to approve the Minutes with two changes. All in favor, Motion passed.**

FINANCIALS:

**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the financials, of which there was no change. All in favor, Motion passed.**

BUSINESS:

2. Welcome New Commissioner

The Commission welcomed new Commissioner Derek Fox. City Administrator Pagel gave an overview for Commissioner Fox of resources and the guiding document for the Commission, the Implementation Plan which can be found on the City Website. The Commission is in Year 3 now.

3. Review New Mayor's Art Award Policy and Discuss Nominations

Discussion on the Mayor's Art Award that will go to the City Council for approval. Commissioners are to send their nominations to the City Administrator Pagel by Friday, July 7th and he will send to the MacRostie Art Center Program Manager for assistance with pictures and 3-5 bullets for each selection. Then the next step for the nominations would be social media and hopefully by September the Commission will be ready to Award by October.

4. Riverfest

Discussion started with Riverfest Artist, Tom Page will have his mosaic prints and cast iron sculptures on display throughout the event. Ticket sales are doing well, approximately 2,600 sold of the sell-out of 3,500. There will be more chair sealing and 3, possibly 4 bleachers this year as well as a video screen and more food vendors.

UPDATES:

5. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noice

At this time there is no update for Karen Noyce.

6. Neighborhood Art Sculpture Request for Council Action

The top three scored artists from the RFP Scoresheets will be Tom Page, Ann Klefstad and Greg Mueller. City Administrator Tom Pagel will put together an agreement to bring to the City Council for approval.

**Motion made by Commissioner Hedlund, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to recommend three artists, Tom Page, Ann Klefstad and Greg Mueller for the NW Neighborhood Art Project to the City Council for approval. All in favor, Motion passed.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

- 2) Review New Mayor's Art Award
  - A) Discuss Nomination Selections
  - B) Determine Award

UPDATES:

- 3) Riverfest
- 4) Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noyce

ADJOURN:

**Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Zabinski to adjourn. All in favor, Motion passed.**

ATTEST: Respectfully by Cynthia Lyman