



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 02, 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, September 2, 2025, at 3:45pm in City Hall Council Chambers at 420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Squadroni to nominate Amanda Lamppa as the Interim Chair for tonight's meeting. Voting Yea: Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Jacobson, Voting Abstaining: Commissioner Lamppa

The meeting was called to order by Interim Chair Lamppa at 3:51pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa
Commissioner Angie Miskovich
Commissioner Nancy Jacobson
City Liaison, City Administrator, Tom Pagel
MacRostie Program Manager, Emily Carlson

ABSENT

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Derek Fox
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh

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

None

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes from July 1, 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Miskovich to approve the minutes from July 1, 2025. Voting Yea: Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Jacobson

FINANCIALS:

2. No Change to Financials

BUSINESS:

3. Human Rights Commission

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

4. MacRostie Happenings

MacRostie Program Manager, Emily Carlson gave an update. There is a new gallery with 4 or 5 artists, First Friday will be this week, the Reif's current show is closing and the Artist in Residence are full.

5. Children's Light Drawings

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

UPDATES:

6. Riverfest 2025

7. Greg Mueller

City Administrator, Tom Pagel, PW Director Matt Wegwerth and PW Supervisor Kevin Koetz will be meeting with the artist Greg Mueller tomorrow. Tom Pagel will email the Commission with an update after their meeting. There were a couple of questions from the Commission. 1) Had the sign been ordered? Tom Pagel answered yes. 2) Will the art be lit? Tom Pagel will check on the lighting with the artist.

8. Hill Annex Mine

Commissioner Squadroni gave examples of art that could be depicted on the mining equipment from the Hill Annex Mine. These were brainstorming ideas for possible art on the equipment if there was interest.

9. Worksession Recap

Commissioner Lamppa asked if there were any comments on the Worksession Document that Commissioners Hedlund and Gorman put together from the Worksession. She said that it looked very good and it is a good review of why and what the Commission does.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MacRostie Program Manager Emily Carlson announced that the Commission will need to do their nominations for the Mayor's Art Award. Once the nominations are in, it can be narrowed down to three and then voted on via Facebook. She will get the submission form for their nominations ready to be sent out.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS

3. Human Rights Commission
4. MacRostie Happenings
5. Children's Light Drawings
6. Mayor's Art Award

UPDATES

7. Riverfest 2025 Review
8. Greg Mueller
9. Worksession Recap

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.
Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman