



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

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:53pm.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa
Commissioner Angie Miskovich
Commissioner Sara Slaubaugh
Commissioner Nancy Jacobson

ABSENT

Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Derek Fox
City Liaison, City Administrator, Tom Pagel

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

None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Lamppa to accept the agenda as written. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve November 4th, 2025, Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to approve the Minutes from November 4th, 2025. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson

FINANCIALS:

2. Review Financials End of November 2025

Motion made by Commissioner Gorman, Seconded by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the Financials from November 2025. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson

BUSINESS:

3. Budget Items

Discussion revolved around the announcement that there will be no Budget for 2026 for the Arts & Culture Commission, although the Commission will still exist and can have meetings. The Commission agreed that even though the "Why and How" have changed for the Commission, they agreed that it's still important to build awareness of art in the community.

4. MacRostie Happenings

MacRostie Program Director Emily Carlson said that she would still pop in during 2026. Some of the MacRostie Happenings are that the Holiday Shop is open, First Friday is this week, Jingle Mingle is at Old Central School and there's the wreath auction and lots of other art happenings going on. Emily thanked the Commission for the sponsorship of the youth and adult classes, although she is not sure whether they got the Fall or Spring.

5. Mayor's Art Award

The nominations for the Mayor's Art Award were just posted and will be for a week. MacRostie Program Director Emily Carlson will let City Liaison, City Administrator, Tom Pagel know who the winner is. The winner will have their name put on the premade Pinecone Plaque, which is done every year for approximately \$25.00 from Treasure Bay Printing. Last year, the Arts and Culture Commission presented the award at a City Council meeting and would like to do that again this year, but it may not be until January.

6. Commissioner Terms & Nominations

There will be three openings for Commissioners next year and there has been some interest, but the Commission isn't sure that any applications have come in as of yet. They will discuss again at the next meeting.

UPDATES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

3. Commissioner Terms & Nominations
4. Brainstorming
5. City Guidance
6. Fountain
7. Citizen Group

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn at 5:25pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa, Commissioner Miskovich, Commissioner Slaubaugh, Commissioner Jacobson