



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

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, October 03, 2023**  
**3:45 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Grand Rapids Arts & Culture Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Hedlund at 3:49pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT**

Commissioner Ed Zabinski  
Commissioner Jennifer Gorman  
Commissioner Kari Hedlund  
Commissioner Myrna Peterson  
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni  
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa  
Commissioner Derek Fox

**ABSENT**

Commissioner Angie Miskovich

City Staff Present: City Engineer/Public Works Director Matt Wegwerth

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

There was no public input.

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

The Agenda was approved as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Commissioner Gorman

Commissioner Gorman will give an update on the Nightmakers Market at the November 7th, Arts & Culture Commission Meeting.

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023

**Motion made by Commissioner Squadroni, Seconded by Commissioner Peterson to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2023. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**

FINANCIALS: There has been no change to the financials for September 2023.

The financials for the Arts & Culture Commission have not changed, there was no motion.

**BUSINESS:**

3. Review Scoresheets and Discuss Awarding

The Commission began their discussion of the the three artists who presented their art design for the NW Neighborhood Art Project. All three designs were very different and each has both pros and cons. The Commission also discussed how each design would offer public interaction, involvement and engage the community. As they reviewed and compared the artist's designs, Greg Mueller rated the highest of the three finalists on the scoresheets.

It was suggested by Matt Wegwerth that if the Commission were thinking of choosing Tom Page's artwork, for better visibility, it could be located on the berm across the street at the Yanmar Arena. The Commission would like to see the cost of a full scale bronze statue and after they have more info they would make a decision at the November 7th, Commission Meeting.

4. Mayor's Art Award
  - 1) Discuss and Score Nomination
  - 2) Determine Award

1) The Commission discussed narrowing the Mayor's Art Award Nominations to three of these five; Rapids Brewing Company, Klockow Brewing Company, Frame-Up/Eric Mann, the MacRostie Art Center and the NightMaker's Market. The MacRostie Art Center will be eliminated due to being an Art Gallery, whereas "Art" is what they do. Emily Carlson, Program Manager at the MacRostie Art Center will follow up by putting the Nominations on Facebook in order for the public to vote. Voting will be open until Halloween.

2) Commissioner Lamppa has ideas for the Art Award and will get quotes. The Art Award will stay the same each year, but will change the year and the winner name on the Award's plaque.

**UPDATES:**

5. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noyce

The Band Map is progressing, Karen Noyce is meeting with another gal with information and she will be at the Indigenous People's Day Event.

**SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:**

**BUSINESS:**

3. Review NW Neighborhood Art Project
4. Mayor's Art Award

**UPDATES:**

5. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noyce
6. Nightmaker's Market

**ADJOURN:**

**Motion made by Commissioner Peterson, Seconded by Commissioner Gorman to adjourn at 4:55pm. Voting Yea: Commissioner Zabinski, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Hedlund, Commissioner Peterson, Commissioner Squadroni, Commissioner Lamppa and Commissioner Fox.**