



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, June 06, 2023
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

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

SETTING THE AGENDA:

CORRESPONDENCE:

FINANCIALS:

APPROVE MINUTES

- [1.](#) May 16, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

BUSINESS:

2. Welcome New Commissioner
3. Review New Mayor's Art Award Policy and Discuss Nominations
4. Riverfest

UPDATES:

5. Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noice
- [6.](#) Neighborhood Art Sculpture Request for Council Action

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

ADJOURN:



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

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
3:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:50pm by Commission Chair Hedlund.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT:

Commissioner Ed Zabinski
Commissioner Kari Hedlund
Commissioner Myrna Peterson
Commissioner Aaron Squadroni
Commissioner Amanda Lamppa
Commissioner Angie Miskovich

ABSENT:

Commissioner Jennifer Gorman
Commissioner Derek Fox

Also present, City Administrator Tom Pagel and Emily Carlson, MacRostie Art Center Program Manager

PUBLIC INPUT: (if anyone wishes to address the Commission) None.

SETTING THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and Second by Commissioner Zabinski to approve the Agenda as written. All in favor, Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

APPROVE MINUTES:

1. Approve Minutes for April 4, 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Zabinski and Second by Commissioner Squadroni to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes. All in favor, Motion passed.

FINANCIALS: There has been no activity.

Motion made by Commissioner Lamppa, Second by Commissioner Peterson to accept that there was no activity for the financials. All in favor, Motion passed.

BUSINESS:

2. Welcome New Commission Members

The Arts and Culture Commission welcomed it's newest Commission member Angie Miskovich. City Administrator Tom Pagel will try to set up an orientation for the newest Commission members.

3. Review Mayor's Art Award Policy and Score Sheet

Discussion regarding the Mayor's Art Award Policy, it's marketing, promotion thereof and the value to the Community. The question is whether to continue how it has been done or change it to displays of local businesses and let the community vote. The nominees can be on facebook and the citizens can vote, with the ultimate decision being made by the Commission. It would also be fun to award the winner at the Tall Timber Days Event instead of Riverfest.

The suggestion was made to have some kind of a plaque to show public recognition in support of art, similar to the Colorado Rhino District Award in Denver. Tom Pagel, City Administrator will redline the changes to the policy and all Commissioners are to bring in a nomination for the award. Each Commissioner nominee could have two photos to show at the next meeting.

The Commission will review the policy and nominations next month. Commission Chair Hedlund will talk to the two missing Commission members, Gorman and Fox.

4. Riverfest

Discussion regarding art at Riverfest. Commissioner Squadroni suggested the Commission look at the Blue Ox Music Festival of Eau Claire and how they did "Art in the Pines" for 2023. The Commission could do something by the Riverwalk or some kind of themed art that would be attention grabbing. Even the installation of an art piece for approximately \$1-\$1,1500 from a local artist would be an opportunity for local artists and also for advertisement for them.

Possibly the MacRostie could lead this effort to do something like a mini-exhibit for Riverfest, with the possibility of the art being lit up. City Administrator Tom Pagel suggested talking to Tom Page to bring some of his musical sculptures and light them up. He will start with talking to Tom Page about doing this..

UPDATES:

5. Pokegama Band Map

Commissioner Zabinski gave an update on Karen Noice's Pokegama Band Map Project. The display here along this area of the Mississippi River could end up being an art piece. This project with support could be a large outdoor map and exhibit. Ms. Noice has done some outreach to local Native Americans to advise her on what they would like to see. She will be back in touch with the Commission in June, July at the latest.

6. Neighborhood Art Project
 - Score RFQ's (see attached)
 - Please review and score prior to the meeting

Discussion and Review of the Neighborhood Art Project artist's scoring. City Administrator Tom Pagel would like to have the Commission members artists scoresheet in the next couple of days so he can have the results to the Commission by June 6th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING:

BUSINESS:

- 2) Welcome New Commission Member
- 3) Review New Mayor's Art Award Policy and Discuss Nominations
- 4) Riverfest

UPDATES:

- 5) Pokegama Band Map - Karen Noice
- 6) Neighborhood Art Sculpture Request for Council Action

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Commissioner Peterson and Second by Commissioner Squadroni to adjourn. All in favor, Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Cynthia Lyman, Administrative Assistant



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

REQUEST FOR COMMISSION ACTION

AGENDA DATE: 6-6-23

AGENDA ITEM: Consider recommending the City Council enter into agreements with three artists to prepare design concepts for the NW Neighborhood Sculpture.

PREPARED BY: Tom Pagel, City Administrator

BACKGROUND:

The Arts and Culture Commission solicited and received Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from fourteen artists for a neighborhood sculpture to be located at Legion Park near the Ryan Flood basketball court.

In the RFQ the commission indicated that they would select up to three artists and pay them a stipend of \$750 each to develop a design concept for the sculpture. Based on the attached scoring sheet the top three artists are: Tom Page, Anne Klefstad, and Greg Mueller.

REQUESTED COMMISSION ACTION:

Make a recommendation to the City Council to enter into agreements with three artists to prepare design concepts for the NW Neighborhood Sculpture.

2023 Artist Selection								
Artists	Aaron Squadroni	Amanda Lampa	Angie Miskovich	Ed Zabinski	Jennifer Gorman	Kari Hedlund	Myrna Peterson	Total Score
Ann Klefstad	22	22	23	23	20	17	23	150
Carl Zachmann	16	18	20	18	24	17	23	136
Craig Berub-Gray	18	20	17	20	17	16	20	128
Damon & Manda Tuttle	17	17	18	19	13	14	25	123
DiBari & Associates	21	20	19	16	21	23	21	141
Eric Kulig	16	18	19	20	25	17	21	136
Greg Mueller Studio	20	21	22	23	18	20	22	146
Humanity Memorial Team	16	17	16	13	21	19	18	120
Jd Trejo-Maya	10	14	14	14	15	11	13	91
Jeffrey Zachmann	16	19	19	23	15	16	25	133
Mary Beth Magyar	16	20	19	21	16	11	20	123
Milligan Studio	20	21	22	19	15	13	15	125
Tom Page	23	25	25	25	18	21	24	161
Zaq Landsberg	17	19	17	21	15	15	19	123