

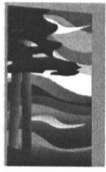


ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission will be held in Conference Room 2B at City Hall, 420 N Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744 on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 3:45 pm.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Annual election of officers
2. Public Input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Correspondence
5. Approve the following minutes: Regular Meeting December 4, 2018
6. Financials: Current revenue/expenditure report
7. Artist in Residence
8. Old Business
 - Follow up on mural expansion by Leah Yellowbird
 - Discuss next steps in Public Art process
9. New Business
 - Itasca Waters – Carissa Anderson
 - Review nominations for 2019 Mayor's Arts Award
10. Announcements
11. Set Agenda For Next Meeting:
12. Adjourn



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

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof the regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission was held in Conference Room 2B of the Grand Rapids City Hall, 420 N Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 3:45 pm.

Call of Roll: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Sonja Merrild, David Marty, Anne-Marie Erickson, Kathy Dodge, Harry Smith, Kayla Aubid, John Connelly. Absent: None.

Others Present: Tom Pagel, Amy Dettmer

Public Input: None.

Setting the Agenda:

- Discuss Rapids Brewing art opportunity under New Business to move ahead to beginning of meeting.
- Report on meeting with Human Rights Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Dodge, second by Commissioner Aubid to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Rapids Brewing Art Opportunity: Ed Zabinski, Co-Owner, states that Rapids Brewing is interested in working with the Commission to have a mural on the building at some point in the future after construction is complete. The brewing company is willing to apply for a grant and provide matching funds if necessary. The Commission will keep this information for future collaboration and consideration.

Correspondence: None.

Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Dodge, second by Commissioner Peterson to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

Update on Yellowbird mural expansion request: Discussed forming a sub-committee to work with Northview building owner to determine if a sister or companion mural is desirable, contact artist Leah Yellowbird to determine interest, availability and cost, and discuss funding. Committee members are Tom Pagel, Kayla Aubid and Myrna Peterson.

Utility Box Wraps: Mr. Pagel stated that the City no longer has tents available for the purpose of creating a warm, enclosed space to complete wrapping. Installation will be delayed until weather permits in the spring.

Public Art Project: Eleven submissions were received for sculptures and fourteen for a murals. Commissioner Aubid, Merrild and Dodge worked as a review committee, ranking each application and recommending the following artists be moved forward the Phase 2 of the project.

Sculptures:

Milligan Studio
Aaron Squadroni
Greg Mueller

Murals:

Greta McLain
Adams Swanson
Diamond Knispel

Each artist will be contracted for proposals, for a not to exceed amount of \$750.00 each. Proposals will be presented in person at a future meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Peterson, second by Commissioner Smith to recommend the City Council enter into agreements with selected artists: Milligan Studio, Aaron Squadroni, Greg Mueller, Greta McLain, Adam Swanson and Diamond Knispel under the design criteria of Phase 2-Selection Process of the Public Art Plan. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Discuss 2019 Mayor's Arts Award: The award is given in April of each year. Staff will work with Communications Specialist to advertise for nominations from the public with a deadline of January 25, 2019.

Meeting with Human Rights Commission: Commissioners Merrild and Dodge attended the last meeting of the HR Commission, providing overview of this commissions purpose, plans and funding. Would like to identify possible opportunities for collaboration in the future. Commissioner Aubid states that MacRostie is working on partnering on the 2019 Indigenous People's Day, with a theme of Native American Art. This will fall in line with the Regional Art Summit to take place in October and November 2019.

Items for next agenda:

- New Business:
 - Election of Officers
- Old Business:
 - Follow up on mural expansion
 - Follow up on status of 2019 Mayor's Arts Award

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

With Comparative Totals for the Period Ending December 31, 2017

| PRELIMINARY | Actual 12/31/2018 | Actual 12/31/2017 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| Arts & Culture Budgeted Expenditures | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Supplies | 112 | 1,817 |
| Seminar/Meetings/School | - | - |
| Video | - | - |
| Mayor's Art Award | 250 | - |
| Facility Rent | - | - |
| Riverfront Feasibility Study | - | 1,000 |
| Operating Transfer to Capital Proj 418 | <u>4,500</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Balance Available | <u><u>138</u></u> | <u><u>2,183</u></u> |
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| Arts & Culture Riverfront Feasibility Study | | |
| Grants/Donations | | |
| Blandin Foundation | \$ - | \$ 8,568 |
| Reif Center | - | 1,000 |
| Grand Rapids Arts | - | 250 |
| KAXE | - | 250 |
| MacRostie Art Center | - | 250 |
| Arts & Culture Commission | - | 1,000 |
| Neighborhood Economic Development Fund | - | 27,184 |
| Total Revenue | <u>-</u> | <u>38,502</u> |
| Expenses | | |
| Riverfront Feasibility Study | <u>-</u> | <u>(38,502)</u> |
| Balance Available | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>0</u></u> |



January 24, 2019

To: Arts & Culture Commission
From: Tom Pagel, City Administrator

Re: Public Art Project

The following is a schedule of sculpture and mural proposals for the Public Art Project.

Sculpture Project: Tuesday, February 26, 2019

- ❖ 4:00 PM – Greg Mueller
- ❖ 4:45 PM – Mulligan Studio
- ❖ 5:30 PM – Aaron Squadroni

Mural Project: Wednesday, February 27, 2019

- ❖ 4:00 PM – Adam Swanson
- ❖ 4:45 PM – Diamond Knispel
- ❖ 5:30 PM – Greta McLain

Nominations being sought for Mayor's Arts Award.

The Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission is seeking nominations for the 2019 Mayor's Arts Award, to be presented at the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce annual dinner on April 25 2019.

The Mayor's Arts award is presented to a Grand Rapids area business or non-art organization that has made a significant impact on the Arts in the Grand Rapids area.

Letters of nomination should be addressed to the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission and may be emailed to Amy Dettmer (adettmer@ci.grand-rapids.mn.us) or mailed or hand-delivered to the Grand Rapids City Hall (420 North Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744). Nominations must be delivered no later than 4 PM on Friday, February 1, 2019.

The criteria for the award is based on outstanding acts in support of the arts, including significant impact either through a single act of sufficient magnitude or through a variety of activities involving support of the arts over a period of time. Letters of nomination should also consider support and promotion of local arts organizations, programs and individual artists. Some examples include advocacy, community outreach and involvement initiatives such as workplace-based gallery exhibitions, volunteerism, scholarships and a variety of other activities that promote the value of arts and culture in our community. Businesses must be located in the Grand Rapids area. Winners will be notified prior to the award ceremony but the winner will not be announced until the award ceremony

Past Mayor's Arts Award winners include Grand Rapids State Bank and the Wilcox family (2017) and Timberlake Lodge and the Ives family (2018). Questions may be directed to Amy Dettmer at 218.326.7680 or by email (adettmer@ci.grand-rapids.mn.us)

Brewed Awakenings

Mayor's Arts Award Nomination

January 11, 2019

Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission
City of Grand Rapids
420 North Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids MN 55744

RE: *Nomination of Brewed Awakenings for Mayor's Arts Award*

Dear Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commissioners:

This letter places in nomination Brewed Awakenings Coffee House for the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission's Mayor's Arts Award.

Joan Foster, former owner, had been a consistent supporter of the arts ever since Brewed served its first cup of coffee. Since 1996, the business has featured local performers and sold mugs by Minnesota ceramic artists. When the business relocated to its present space, Joan commissioned local artists Karin Kraemer, Peter Gordienko and Diamond Knispel to paint murals and enhance the décor with mosaics.

In 2011, when the Minnesota Orchestra arrived for a week's residency, she offered gift cards to every musician. Brewed quickly became the hangout for the Orchestra.

On June 1, 2018, Joan sold Brewed Awakenings to Jenny and Mike Erickson. Jenny is a former employee. Jenny and Mike now are embracing Joan's legacy of supporting local artists and the arts. Monthly, Brewed still features the work of artists every First Friday with openings complete with music from a local group. Brewed's Facebook page posts upcoming concerts and open mic nights. The announcement of change of ownership in the *Grand Rapids Herald Review* stated, "Today, Brewed (as it is lovingly referenced by locals) has not only become a community gathering place; it is also a place for the work of local visual and performing artists to be showcased through gallery exhibits and musical performances."

For all the years that Brewed Awakenings Coffee House has supported the arts, I am honored to return the favor with this nomination for the Mayor's Arts Award.

Sincerely,

Kathy Dodge

Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital

Mayor's Arts Award Nomination

Tyler Waller
28791 River View Drive
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

January 22, 2019

Subject: 2019 Mayor's Arts Award

Grand Rapids Art and Culture Commission,

I would like to nominate Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital for the 2019 Mayor's Arts Award.

My name is Tyler Waller and I am the Inpatient Pharmacy Manager at Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital. I have had the great pleasure of working at Grand Itasca for nearly 9 years and was able to participate in the planning and development of Grand Itasca's new Infusion and Cancer center. We are an incredibly lucky facility to have such a beautiful space to work and take care of our patients in. While the space and infrastructure are amazing- it was apparent early that the space would need art to bring it warmth and truly make it a space for healing.

The first installation put in this new space was the 2017 "Close to Home" capital campaign donor wall, designed and constructed by local artist Aaron Squadroni. This piece immediately brought the lobby to life and provided a way for donors to memorialize their loved one(s) and their commitment to cancer care. The artist continued and showcased the earth-tone theme that Grand Itasca is known for.

As an employee in this space, I noticed that it wasn't long before Grand Itasca had other beautiful pieces installed for our patients (*and employees*) to enjoy. Pieces by local artists such as: Charles Beck, Bob Carls, John Connelly, Dorothy Hall, Glenna Olson, Mike and Kathy Jasper, Reuben Patnaude, Karlyn Berg, Susan Clandon, Jane Latimer and Keith Thompson. It is my understanding that Grand Itasca invested nearly \$25,000 to bring this space to life and it shows.

While the Infusion and Cancer Center has been the most recent commitment to art, it is certainly not the only example. Grand Itasca's Professional Building annually adds art created by our pediatric patients to its clinic lobby. This art is created as part of the annual collection created to be auctioned off at the Burggraf's ACE Hardware Caring For Kids Charity Classic. What a wonderful way to have this population represented in our community.

As I walk the hallways of my work-place, I am so grateful for the time and effort put into making it a beautiful place. Our patients come to us during some of the hardest days of their life- this organizations commitment to making this space a beautiful place to heal is just another way that Grand Itasca strives for patient-centered excellence.

Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Tyler Waller, PharmD.

January 23, 2019

Tara Makinen
1114 NW 2nd Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

Re: Nomination of Grand Itasca Clinic & Hospital for Mayor's Arts Award

Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission
c/o Amy Dettmer sent via email to adettmer@ci.grand-rapids.mn.us

Dear Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission:

I am writing to nominate Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital (GICH) for the Mayor's Arts Award. GICH is well deserving of this award for many reasons including:

- All artwork at Grand Itasca is high quality work from Minnesota artists with an emphasis on local artists.
- GICH entire facility has design elements that support a healing environment; the art collection is an additional investment in demonstrating commitment to art as a part of GICH's healing philosophy.
- Through GICH's permanent art collection, Grand Itasca has invested significant dollars in our community's creative economy by paying working artists for their work. Most recently spending \$25,000 to purchase over 40 new pieces for GICH's newly remodeled space including: Unit 5 in the clinic, the Oncology clinic and the infusion center.
- All artwork is also framed locally, again investing in local business.
- Local artists on display at Grand Itasca include: Charles Beck, Bob Carls, John Connelly, Dorothy Hall, Glenna Olson, Mike and Kathy Jasper, Reuben Patnaude, Karlyn Berg, Susan Clandon, Jane Latimer, Aaron Squadroni, and Keith Thompson. Among these names you will find artists recognized by the McKnight Foundation, the Minnesota State Arts Board, and the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council.
- At Grand Itasca, the facility and artwork have been designed and selected to represent nature and the significant role it plays in the art of healing. When acquiring artwork, GICH has engaged a panel of community members with knowledge, experience and differing viewpoints in artwork to assist in the selection process.
- The GICH donor walls also demonstrate Grand Itasca's passion and investment in local art.
 - The 2005 "My Health, Our Future" donor wall recognizes donors who generously supported the original build of this new campus on Golf Course Road. The donor wall was designed and constructed by local artists with the intention to support and honor local donors along with local resources. Elements used on this donor wall include: wood for forests, glass for water and beautiful copper for local metals and resources found in our community.
 - Annually, Bob Carls and Amy Sharpe design and hand engrave the Foundation Fever – Employee Giving Campaign donor wall. On its 9th year of existence, this campaign allows for an annual addition to the recognition of donors and growth of Grand Itasca's art collection.
 - And most recently, the 2017 "Close to Home" capital campaign donor wall, designed and constructed by Aaron Squadroni, continues GICH's legacy of honoring the earth tones of our region all while recognizing community donors who helped bring a new cancer clinic and infusion center to our community. This donor wall is another symbol of Grand Itasca's significant commitment to the beauty of artwork throughout our entire facility.

- Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital has a continued commitment to the arts in our community: The plan for 2019 is to bring an outdoor labyrinth and healing garden to the campus. This project is being led by Grand Itasca Foundation in partnership with a community committee who are committed to expanding Grand Itasca's commitment to art and nature. The healing garden will be an outdoor space built as an extension of GICH's indoor artwork collection.
- Located at Grand Itasca's Professional Building, artwork created by Grand Itasca pediatric patients is annually added to that clinic lobby collection. Each year this original artwork is created by the pediatric patients who help Grand Itasca Foundation promote their largest fundraiser, the Burggraf's Ace Hardware Caring Fore Kids Charity Classic. The artwork project was created and is led annually by Foundation Board Member and Burggraf's Ace Hardware Store Owner, Amber Burggraf. The artwork is designed by pediatric patients and auctioned off at the event each year. Since the project began three years ago, the highest bidder who won the artwork at the charity event has then donated it back to the clinic & hospital to be displayed in the lobby at the Pro Building for all of GICH pediatric rehab patients to enjoy.

I am in my second term serving on the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, in the past years I have spent a lot of time reviewing grant applications, projects and resumes. Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital sets the bar high when it comes to the thoughtful process used to select art for its campuses, the investment in quality artwork and for creating beautiful healing spaces.

Sincerely,

Tara Makinen

January 28, 2019

Ms. Amy Dettmer,

Arts and Culture Commission,

City of Grand Rapids

Dear Amy and Commission Members,

Please accept the following as a support letter for the nomination of Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital for the current Mayor's Award through the Arts and Culture Commission. I note that in your Arts and Culture Commission Roadmap you state that Grand Itasca promotes "links between art and healing." It is this art of healing work at Grand Itasca that I am supporting for this award.

I have had the pleasure of working on this program at Grand Itasca as a volunteer community member before the new facility was built and through the current new remodeling for the cancer and infusion center. I was co-chair of the building committee for the new hospital and a board member of the facility so had a role in decisions about the selection of final furnishings for the new facility. We put together a small team of volunteers to work with area artists to bring art and healing together. We knew that beautiful architecture, natural lighting and the creative work of area artists could and would create an atmosphere for healing in the new hospital and clinic. More than 30 local and regional artists answered our call for original art. Patients and their families who spend time at Grand Itasca have told me many, many times through the years that their stay has been positively impacted by being surrounded by beautiful art as they journeyed through the healing process.

So when the new cancer and infusion center was completed this past year, once again it was a natural process to encourage local artists to submit original art in a variety of forms for the new healing space. Our team of community volunteers and Grand Itasca staff strongly believe that people heal when they are surrounded by caring people, good medicine and beauty, both through art and nature. We once again had a total art budget of \$25,000 for the purchase and framing of local art. The number of artists and quality of their work was exceptional and will once again help future patients, families and caregivers work together for better healthcare outcomes. Our next projects will be to complete a healing garden and labyrinth project at Grand Itasca in the next few months to continue these art of healing outcomes.

This ongoing partnership between local artists and the health care community is yet another example of art working to build a more caring, healing community. Thank you for your consideration of Grand Itasca for the this Mayor's Award this year.

*Barb Sanderson
1501 SW 3rd Ave.*

To Whom it May Concern:

We would like to add a brief email of support to previous nominations for Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital to be considered for the Mayor's Art Award. As supporters of art in the community, we continue to be appreciative of the art displayed at GICH. Every unit and hallway is adorned with art from local artists, often people we know, work with, and care for. We have both been a part of choosing some of this art, and we also appreciate that GICH is willing to take some risks and display eclectic art that may garner differing aesthetic responses from the viewer.

Because we both think that art is an important part of overall health, we commend the group for creating this award and hope that the work done at Grand Itasca will be recognized.

Sincerely,
Anne Tofte, MD
Bill Rutherford, MD

Amy,

This letter is to nominate Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital for the 2019 Mayor's Arts Award. When I read the award criteria in the newspaper, I thought, "This is exactly us!" By "us" I mean the community of Grand Itasca. I would like to highlight a few examples of arts support that have stood out in particular to me.

Grand Itasca supports performing arts in our community. It has done this by sponsoring shows at the Reif Center, being host to members of the Minnesota Orchestra, and recently serving as a venue for the Grand Rapids High School Brass Ensemble during the Christmas season.

At Grand Itasca, I have had the opportunity to see art produced by and performed by several people I have seen as patients. The same can be said by most of my colleagues. This has enhanced the relationships we have with these artists as we can appreciate each others' talents.

I have the honor of having a piece of my own artwork displayed at Grand Itasca. This is an example of Grand Itasca supporting emerging artists. In regards to the artwork displayed, a photo of a placenta, I like to point out that not only is there the art of medicine, but there is also art in medicine.

I spend many hours a week at Grand Itasca, and am fortunate that they have invested, and plan to continue to invest, in making it a beautiful place to work and visit. I'm particularly excited about the plan for this year to bring an outdoor labyrinth and healing garden to our campus. The healing garden will be an outdoor space built as an extension of our indoor artwork collection, and a great place to hang out on call!

Thank you for reviewing this nomination,
Patty Carlin-Janssen, MD



MacRostie Art Center

January 31, 2019

Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission
420 N Pokegama Ave
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

To the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission:

I am writing to support Tara Makinen's nomination of Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital for the Mayor's Arts Award.

Grand Itasca sees the value that artists and the arts bring to a community, and they show that through the investment of their time, physical space, and financial resources in different arts projects. Grand Itasca has supported the cultural community through underwriting and sponsorship of local arts organizations like MacRostie Art Center and the Reif Performing Arts Center. When the new hospital was constructed in the early 2000's, all of the artwork for the waiting rooms and public areas was purchased from local artists. The collection was expanded in 2018 with a major art purchasing project to fill the new cancer and infusion wing.

The art collection at Grand Itasca is a unique program and a community asset. It not only financially supports dozens of local artists by purchasing their work, but also contributes to the arts landscape as a whole by providing a space for people who might not otherwise visit a gallery to view an art exhibit a chance to experience local art made by local artists.

Grand Itasca has shown a commitment to the local arts community, and on behalf of MacRostie Art Center, I am pleased to endorse their nomination.

Sincerely,

Katie Marshall
Executive Director

KAXE Northern Community Radio

Mayor's Arts Award Nomination

January 23, 2019

Dear Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission,

It is with great pleasure that we nominate KAXE Northern Community Radio for consideration for the 2019 Mayor's Art Award. In addition to playing a vast variety of music daily that caters to a wide-ranging audience of listeners, KAXE has a longstanding commitment to and history of highlighting, promoting, influencing and supporting local art.

As listeners and members of KAXE, we have come to rely on the station for information and promotion of arts in our area and value the fact that they intentionally do so in collaboration with other area non-profits that are also committed to local art.

For example, KAXE, in collaboration with MacRostie Art Center, provides monthly promotion of the 1st Friday artists which includes a variety of art mediums such as authors, potters, painters, musicians, and more. They also partner with the Reif Center on a program called CenterStage Minnesota – a monthly concert, which is open to the public and showcases the talents of Minnesota musicians. Also, the station provides on-air art interviews at least twice per week.

Every summer, KAXE organizes and hosts the KAXE Riverfest, bringing talented musicians to perform in their outdoor amphitheater for two days of fun. The Riverfest is family friendly and you will often find people both young and old enjoying the festival.

We also highly value the fact that KAXE is intentional about highlighting local Native art and artists through their radio interviews, website and other social media platforms.

In addition to the support and promotion of the local art scene on air, KAXE has local art displayed in the radio station and on the station grounds.

We believe KAXE has a proven track record for recognizing and honoring the importance of local art to creating a vibrant community and is a perfect candidate for the 2019 Mayor's Arts Award.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John & Laura Connelly