



CITY OF
GRAND RAPIDS
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ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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, March 13, 2018 at 3:45 pm.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Public Input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Overview of Open Meeting Law & Public Expenditures – Chad Sterle, City Attorney
5. Correspondence
6. Approve the following minutes: Regular Meeting February 6, 2018
7. Financials
8. Artist in Residence
9. Progress Reports
10. Old Business Forecast Public Art - Merrild
11. New Business Space for Amateur Artist Displays
12. Announcements
13. Set Agenda For Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 3, 2018
14. Adjourn

***CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018 – 3:45 PM***

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, February 6, 2018, at 3:45 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Sonja Merrild, David Marty, Kathy Dodge, John Connelly, Kayla Schubert, Harry Smith, and Anne-Marie Erickson.
Absent: David Dobbs, Myrna Peterson

Staff Present: Matt Wegwerth, Amy Dettmer, Aurimy Groom and Vivian Olson-Verke
Commissioner Merrild called the meeting to order at 3:49 pm.

Welcome new Commissioner Anne-Marie Erickson. Introductions were made.

SETTING THE AGENDA: Added 'Community Foundation Fund for the Arts' and Space for Amateur Artists'.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DODGE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DODGE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH TO MOVE THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2018 TO THE MARCH 13TH DUE TO ADVOCACY DAY. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nothing to report.

MINUTES: APPROVE MINUTES – Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2018.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CONNELLY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MARTY, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2, 2018 AS PRESENTED. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIALS: Commissioner Merrild reported the approval of new funding of 1.5% from Public Works projects going forward. Payment process was discussed and Commissioner Merrild will check with Asst. Finance Director, Laura Pfeiffer at City Hall for specifics. City Engineer Matt Wegwerth was in attendance and brought a copy of Section 5 to clarify acceptable uses of new funds. Details of the funding were determined by the Commission. Approximately \$27,000.00 will be moved to the Arts Community Fund (in addition to the \$5,000.00 allocated by the City Council) when the final approval is given.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: In transition, nothing to report.

PROGRESS REPORTS: Mayors Arts Award: Amy Dettmer presented 3 nominations for this year's award – One from last year and 2 new this year. The award will be presented at the April 26th, 2018 Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DODGE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SMITH TO GIVE THE MAYORS ARTS AWARD TO TIMBERLAKE LODGE. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Commissioner Merrild will not be able to present the award.

OLD BUSINESS:

Forecast Public Art - Commissioner Dodge signed the contract for IRRRB. Per discussion, the next step is to review the work and plans in place, then make a recommendation.

Pedestrian Bridge - City engineer Matt Wegworth also presented plans for the Pedestrian Bridge over the river and how art could be incorporated into the project. A Blandin grant provided bump outs on the bridge which may be a good place for the art. He would like to know within the next 6 months for placement planning. They are waiting for the next legislative session for approval of the bonding, but plan to start construction summer of 2018 and will be open for use by the public summer of 2019. The commission thanked him for his work on the bridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Space for amateur artists to display their art - This will be added to the March 13th meeting and will invite Ed Zabinski and Lee Johnson to attend/present.

Community Foundation Fund for Arts - The foundation requested funding for its programs from the commission. After discussion it was determined they should keep the Fund as is, and shouldn't provide funding.

Tioga Trails Update - Commissioner Connelly presented an update. \$1.8 million was secured for the project. Construction should begin summer of 2018. There will be 25 miles of trails, and improvements to the beach, pit, paving and parking area, as well as changing areas. There is interest in incorporating art into this project and would be opportunity for sculpture, etc. at 4 overlooks.

Announcements: Nothing to report.

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Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Merrild at 5:05 PM

Respectfully submitted: Vivian Olson-Verke

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Historic Central School Artist in Residence Lead Artist Duties Description

In exchange for a year's residency, the lead artist of the artist in residence program at Historic Central School will perform the following duties. Act as a greeter to the loft

- Answer questions about the building and the other artists in residence
- Become knowledgeable of Historic Central School history
- Be familiar with work of other artists in the loft
- Act as an ambassador to the City of Grand Rapids
- Organize and maintain arts marketing materials
- Participate with other HCS merchants to market the building
- Report maintenance or mechanical problems to Tom Schmoll of Filthy Clean or Everett at city hall
- Attend monthly HCS tenements meetings
- Be in residence an average minimum of 20 hours a week
- Perform weekly light cleaning
- Inform GRACC of any needed supplies
- Meet monthly with GRACC liaison

At the end of the year, the position will be open to other artists to apply and the current artist may also reapply.

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Forecast Public Art – Discussed process for moving forward with the Downtown Art Installation project following execution of the IRRRB grant contract. Also reviewed timeline for project completion through planned community celebration in September 2018. Commissioner Merrild presented information on Forecast Public Art, an organization that conducts studies and provides guidance to communities for public art placement.

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