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ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 6, 2017

CANCELLED – NO QUORUM



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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, June 6, 2017 at 3:45 pm

Agenda

Call to Order

Minutes **Regular Meeting May 2, 2017**
Special Meeting May 16, 2017

River Venue Update **Final LHB Report**
Public Input

Adjourn

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2017 – 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 Wednesday, May 2, 2017, at 3:45 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Sonja Merrild, John Connelly, David Marty, Lois Bendix, David Dobbs, Kathy Dodge, and Myrna Peterson

Absent: Karen Walker and Harry Smith

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer and Michele Palkki

Commissioner Merrild called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

Setting the Agenda Additions: Street Banners - Dodge
Update MN Arts Advocacy Day - Dodge
Update MN Orchestra Visit – Dodge
Big Chair - Dodge

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PETERSON TO ADD ABOVE ITEMS TO THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Correspondence: Nothing to add

MINUTES – Includes the following:

The minutes of the March 7, 2017 Regular Meeting – Change to read Great Engraving
The minutes of the April 4, 2017 Work Session – No Change
The minutes of the April 4, 2017 Public Meeting #2 – No Change
The minutes of the April 5, 2017 Stake Holder Workshop – No Change

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting held on March 7, 2017 with correction; Work Session held on April 4, 2017, Public Meeting held on April 4, 2017 and Stake Holder Workshop held on April 5, 2017.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER PETERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES LISTED ABOVE AS PRESENTED. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

The following are recommended for the Artist Loft on behalf of Grand Rapids Arts.

Brittany Benson – May 15 through August 15, 2017	Illustration and Fine Arts
Sarah Verke – February 15 through May 15, 2018	Sketching and Embroidered Design
Chelsey Johnson – May 15 through August 15, 2017	Visual Art of Mixed Mediums/Designs

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DODGE, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MARTY TO APPROVE THE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE AS LISTED ABOVE. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIALS: Nothing to report at this time.

RIVER VENUE UPDATE

A discussion was held regarding the time-line for the LHB Report. The Final Draft is supposed to be at the City on Friday, May 5, 2017. The report will be distributed to the Commission for their review.

The time-line is as follows:

Friday, May 5, 2017	LHB Report to the City of Grand Rapids
Friday, May 19, 2017	Review and public notice and comment period
Friday, June 2, 2017	Final report to the City Council for their approval

It was the over-all agreement that the Commission wanted to sit down to discuss the final draft from LHB prior to going on to the City Council for their approval and set up a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARTY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER DOBBS TO SET A SPECIAL ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING FOR TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 AT 4:00 PM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE LHB RIVER VENUE STUDY. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Utility Boxes

Nothing to report at this time. Waiting to hear from Public Utilities for more direction.

Mayor's Arts Award

Commissioner Marty reported that the first Annual Mayor's Art Award was given to the Grand Rapids States Bank and was presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Commissioner Merrild and Commissioner Marty spoke at the event and was well received. Steve Wilcox spoke on the importance of the arts and thanked the commission for the award.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Public Art Plan Commissioner Bendix reported that this is currently under revision.

NEW BUSINESS

Minnesota Arts Advocacy Day – Impact Study

Commissioner Dodge reported that there is another opportunity to do the arts and economic impact study for Grand Rapids. A discussion was held regarding the need to re-do the study so soon, it has only been 3 years. The Commission felt that this could be revisited in 2018.

Banner's Across Highway – First Friday

Commissioner Dodge reported that she had met with Jeff Davies, Public Works Director, regarding the condition of the banners for First Friday. Along with the City, Rick Harding helped pay for the three banners. The banners need to be replaced and Commissioner Dodge wanted to propose that we help replace them. Commissioner Dodge was directed to do some research to find out what it would cost to replace the three banners for First Friday.

Minnesota Orchestra

Commissioner Dodge reported that the Minnesota Orchestra would be in Grand Rapids May 18/19.

Thursday, May 18

- 1 pm Minnesota Diversified Industries-woodwind quintet (MDI) Cohasset (Free)
- 3 pm Central Square Mall- brass quintet (Free)
- 5 pm MacRostie Art Center- two string ensembles (Free)

Friday, May 19

- 12:30 pm Young People's Concert at the Reif Center (Free)
- 3–4 pm Listen to KAXE 91.7 Center stage Minnesota
- 7:30 pm Full Minnesota Orchestra at the Reif – Charge for this event

Big Chair

A conversation was held regarding the big chair at its current location, that is it a good idea for it to be at one of the busiest intersections. Ms. Dettmer reported that when the chair was at the Library it was on the grass and rotted and had some mold. If the chair was to be moved maybe, it can be placed on some blocks. Move the chair to the Library or Central School. After further discussion, it was noted that it should be in a high visible spot and if we move the chair what will go in its place. Commissioner Dodge will check with Mr. Davies regarding his thoughts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant
Michele Palkki



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Outdoor Performance Venue Study

Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission

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CONFERENCE ROOM 2B, GRAND RAPIDS MN 55744**

SPECIAL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017 – 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof the special 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, May 16, 2017, at 4:00 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: John Connelly, Harry Smith, David Marty, Myrna Peterson, David Dobbs Kathy Dodge, Karen Walker and Sonja Merrild

Absent: Lois Bendix

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer, Michele Palkki

Commissioner Connelly called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting is to go over the Draft River Venue Report and make any changes prior to presenting to the City Council.

Commissioner Merrild arrived at 4:12 pm

Commissioners were invited to give their ideas, changes and/o deletions so it can go back to LHB for the Final Feasibility Study to be completed.

City Administrator Pagel reported that he thought it was a very nice document but would like further insight on timing of implementation located on page 46. It is a pleasant surprise to not be rushed.

Commissioner Bendix was not in attendance but sent an email that she thought the draft looked good.

Commissioner Connelly thought there should be a stronger theme regarding children's space for activities or play area. Public art needs to be added. He felt there were a few to many showboat pictures and that this could be cleaned up a little.

Commissioner Dodge had a few editing items that will be sent to LHB with all the changes Ms. Dettmer is putting together.

The question was asked when the comment period is over. Comment period will be closed as of Wednesday, May 24, 2017 and is currently on the City Web site. There have been no comments sent at this time.

The Commission felt the study should be sent out to the stakeholders for their input. There are many aspects of the report that involves many groups and the Commission wanted to be sure they realize this is almost complete and would like their comments.

The stakeholders will receive an email from the City, along with the link, so they have for their review.

Commissioner Marty reported that the Reif Center supports the document; however, the roles and responsibilities will need to be looked at and adjusted.

The Commission did feel the report was very well done and that LHB listened to everyone, including public, stakeholders, city departments and the commission.

The design and layout are really nice.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

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