

## ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 1, 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission will be held in the Conference Room 2B at City Hall, 420 N Pokegama Avenue, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744 on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

#### Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Correspondence
5. Approve the following Minutes:           Regular Meeting February 2, 2016
6. Financials
7. Artist in Residence
8. Progress Reports
9. Old Business                                   River Venue RFP
10. New Business
11. Announcements/Correspondence
12. Set agenda for next regular meeting:   Tuesday, April 5, 2016
13. Adjourn

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016 – 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, March 1, 2016, at 3:45 pm

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, Harry Smith, David Marty, Benjamin Braff, John Connelly, Leah Yellowbird, Sonja Merrild and Karen Walker

Absent Lois Bendix

Visitor: Nathan Bergstedt

Staff Present: Tom Pagel, Amy Dettmer and Michele Palkki

Commissioner Dodge called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

Add: Summer on the Mississippi

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting, February 2, 2016**

**Motion by Commissioner Connelly, second by Commissioner Marty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 2, 2016 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**FINANCIALS** – a discussion was held regarding reimbursing one of the artist in residents for some paint supplies she purchased to paint her area on the third floor. This was approved by Mr. Edminster. After further discussion, the Commission requested that all requests, for reimbursement or other, must come through the Commission first. The amount was not large and so the Commission had no problem reimbursing Lilly Winter for paint supplies.

**Motion by Commissioner Braff, second by Commissioner Connelly, to reimburse Lilly Winter for paint supplies up to \$50.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

The receipts were turned into staff and will be submitted for payment at the next City Council Meeting, which is March 14, 2016.

It was noted that the artists were locked out of the building for First Friday. Commissioner Dodge reported that she would attend the tenants meeting regarding the doors. Staff Liaison Amy Dettmer will work with our communication specialist Ms. Setness to have information on the City Website and Facebook.

## PROGRESS REPORTS

**Central School** – Commissioner Merrild reported that options are still being sought for Central School. No decisions have been made yet for a Brew Pub.

**Worldview Training** – The Commission, at their last board meeting, allocated up to \$1,500.00 for any Commissioner wishing to attend. Commissioners need to go on the website and sign up for the specific date. There are some sessions that are full and taking a waiting list.

## OLD BUSINESS

**River Venue RFP** – Approximately 17 RFP have been sent out. The RFP is available on the City Website with a due date of Friday, March 25, 2016. Those interested may go to the website and download the brochure.

**Place Making** – Commissioner Dodge reported that she and Kim Brink Smith will be meeting regarding the pop up park.

Commissioner Connelly left at 4:25 pm

## NEW BUSINESS

**Summer on the Mississippi** – Benjamin Braff and Nathan Bergstedt would like the Arts and Culture Support in what they are proposing for the summer. The wine and dine that was held at Showboat Landing last year created quite a following and so they would like to continue this only the location would be along the Mississippi River next to the Library.

The mission for the Summer on the Mississippi would be developing arts and culture within the Itasca community, centered on our relationship to the Mississippi. Right now, five events are being looked at being planned, dependent on approval of location and other.

Commissioner Braff stated that they are also looking for partnerships.

The Arts and Culture Commission fully supports the events.

Commissioner Yellowbird left at 5:00 pm.

Their requests are consideration of the Library frontage property, possibly make a pop up park at that location, consideration for alcohol permit/insurance assistance and finally to consider a tie in for native/cultural place making.

Mr. Braff was directed to speak with Marcia Anderson, Library Director regarding the area in question, any alcohol permits/insurance would need to go to Kim Gibeau, City Clerk, partnerships with the City would be to start with City Administrator Tom Pagel for direction.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Marty reported on the progress of the Miles Rief. They do have an agreement with Brule to appear on October 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Sales of tickets will begin August 1.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki, Administrative Assistant

***Next Regular Meeting***

Reminder, the next regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 beginning at 3:45 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.



## SUMMER ON THE MISSISSIPPI

- FIVE EVENTS.
- PRODUCED BY THE FIVE.
- IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION, CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, DNR, VARIOUS ART NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

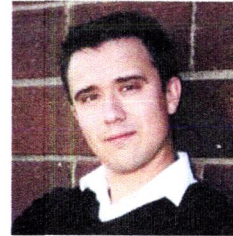
### MISSION:

Developing arts & culture within the Itasca community, centered around our relationship to the Mississippi.

### FIVE EVENTS:

- 3 x Wine on the Mississippi
- 1 x Cinema on the Mississippi
- 1 x Reader's Theatre

## THE FIVE:



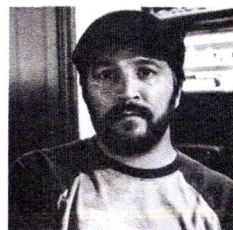
**John Schroeder:** Artist, Playwright, Actor, Director, Member of Grand Rapids Players, Member of Uncommon Loons, 2015 Board member Grand Rapids Showboat Inc.



**Benjamin Braff:** Events Management & Production, Filmmaker, Producer at A+B Productions, Arts & Culture Commissioner, Board Member (former President) of Grand Rapids Showboat Inc.; Events Committee member – Showboat 2015



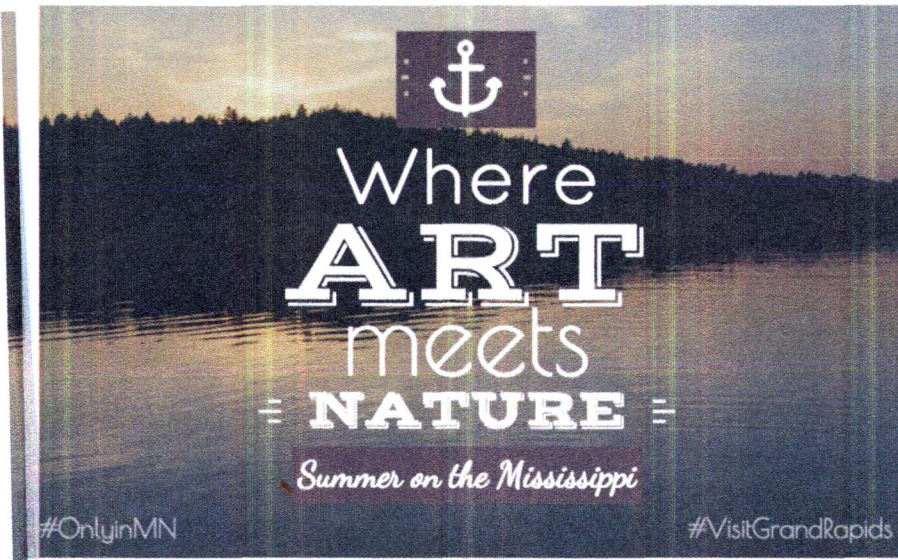
**Steph Schroeder:** Actor, Director, Board Member of Grand Rapids Players, Member of Uncommon Loons & Grand Rapids Players, Events Committee member – Showboat 2015



**Nathan Bergstedt:** Actor, Playwright, former Arts & Education Editor at Grand Rapids Herald Review, Member of Grand Uncommon Loons, President of Grand Rapids Showboat Inc; Events Committee member – Showboat 2015



**Alisi Styles:** Actor, Vocalist, Filmmaker, Producer/ Director at A+B Productions, Marketing, Production & Events Design. Events Committee member – Showboat 2015



## GOALS

- While coming under GRACF, SOM would like to partner with community non-profits on a per-event-basis.
- SOM can potentially become a promotional avenue and fundraiser of sorts for these different non-profits.

## VENUE

Grand Rapids Library Mississippi River frontage

## DATES

1. **Wine on the Mississippi #1** First Wednesday of June
2. **Wine on the Mississippi #2** First Wednesday of July
3. **Wine on the Mississippi #3** First Wednesday of August
4. **Cinema on the Mississippi** – to be determined
5. **Reader's Theatre** – to be determined

## REQUESTS

1. Venue
2. Consideration to make venue a pop-up park
3. Consideration for alcohol permit & insurance assistance
4. Consideration of tie-in for native/cultural placemaking at the venue

## 2015 PROGRAMMING at SHOWBOAT LANDING

