

**GRAND RAPIDS
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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, December 1, 2015 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Approve the Minutes: Regular Meeting November 3, 2015
5. Financials
6. Old Business Progress Reports: Arts & Culture Plan
2015 Evaluation
7. New Business Forest History Center Happenings – Jeff Johns
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9. Correspondence/Announcements
10. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, January 5, 2016; **New Time 3:45 pm**
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**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015 – 3:15 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, November 3, 2015, at 3:15 pm

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

Absent: Harry Smith and Leah Yellowbird

Present via skype: Benjamin Braff

Commissioner Walker arrived at 3:25 pm

Commissioner Marty arrived at 3:25 pm

Staff Present: Tom Pagel, Rob Mattei, Amy Dettmer, and Michele Palkki

SETTING THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, October 6, 2015

Motion by Commissioner Bendix, second by Commissioner Connelly to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 6, 2015 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Nothing to report

Commissioner Marty arrived at 3:25 pm

Commissioner Walker arrived at 3:25 pm

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner’s Progress Reports

Commissioner Merrild – River Venue Progress

Commissioner Merrild reported that she and John Schroeder met with City Administrator Pagel regarding the River Venue Updates. They discussed where the commission should go at this point and would the City help them through this process.

Mr. Pagel and Mr. Mattei discussed ideas of where the Commission could begin to develop a Request for Proposal would be the 1st stage. It may be a good idea to set up a working group made up of 4 Commissioners that can meet with the City to set up an RFP. The working group will consist of Commissioner’s Merrild, Connelly, Dodge and Walker.

Commissioner Dodge reported that she is working with Meghan Bown of Get Fit Itasca, Betsy Johnson of the University of Minnesota Extension Service, Kim Brink Smith of United Way 1000 Lakes, and Commissioner Connelly on a Bush Community Innovation grant and will keep the Board posted as to its progress.

Commissioner Connelly – Get Fit / Community Garden

Commissioner Connelly reported that he is still in contact with the Community Garden, shed and etc. Commissioner Walker suggested that he work with Children's First for funding an artist. Commissioner Dodge added that the poem that was highlighted in a poetry contest last year was supposed to be engraved in a sidewalk downtown or possibly the Library, can we use any of the remaining budget for this? Ms. Dettmer will check with our Finance Director regarding this.

Commissioner Dodge – Meeting Day and Time for 2016

A discussion was held regarding the day and time for the Commission Meetings.

Meeting Day and Time – Beginning January 1, 2016

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Merrild to continue to keep the day of the meeting the 1st Tuesday of each month, however, change the time to begin at 3:45 pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dodge – 2015 Goals

Commissioner Dodge reported that the goals the Commission set for 2015 have come along really well. There are still some things in progress but for the most part have been completed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/QUESTIONS

Commissioner Dodge reported that Jean Christensen and Leah Yellowbird will continue as Artists in Residence in Central School. They will be scheduled from November 2015 – February 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 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, December 1, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.

WinterGlo Festival

Friday, December 4, 2015

- 4:00-7:00pm Unveiling of Business Windows: The downtown businesses are having a window decorating contest and will be unveiling their windows at 4 pm at which point "Mrs. Claus" will tour around downtown to judge them and declare a winner at 6:30pm inside Old Central School
- 4:00-8:00pm First Friday Art Walk. 4 - 8 pm.
Participating locations include MacRostie Art Center, Benders Shoes, The Yarn Gallery, Stained Glass with Class, Central Square Mall, The Village Bookstore, Old Central School, True North Salon and Spa, VFW Post 1720, Jenny and Company, Wings 'n Willows, Frame Up, and Brewed Awakenings.
Carolers from Itasca Community Chorus will be roving the downtown area throughout the evening.
- 4:00pm Super Christmas Puppet show by Prime Time Puppets, Central Square Mall
- 4:00-6:00pm Horse-drawn wagon rides Old Central School & 1st Ave./Central Square Mall Area. The wagon will deliver Santa to Old Central School. Wagon rides are FREE and provided by the Forest History Center
- 4:00-6:00pm Forest History Logging Camp activities, Downtown Grand Rapids
- 4:00-8:00pm M'lou Brubaker is having her jewelry trunk show at MacRostie Art Center. Her designs in silver and one-of-a-kind pieces are always a holiday favorite with our shoppers
- 5:00-6:30pm Santa lights the lights at Old Central School (Actual lighting of the lights with Santa will happen at approximately 5:15pm) Greenway Raiders Choir will also be singing at Old Central School
- 6:00pm Grand Rapids High School Choir's present A Madrigal Dinner, December 4 & 5, at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge. Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. Tickets (\$31) available through the Reif Center, (218) 327-5780.
- 7:00-9:00pm The Nutcracker, Reif on the Road, Greenway Auditorium Tickets are available through the Reif Center, (218) 327-5780.
- 7:00-10:00pm Sam Miltich and Friends will be playing live jazz at the VFW with special guest vocalist Helen Miltich Kaul.

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WinterGlo Festival

Saturday, December 5, 2015

- 10:00-4:00pm Holiday Craft Market at Central Mall (54 vendors)
- 10:00-5:00pm M'lou Brubaker is having her jewelry trunk show at MacRostie Art Center. Her designs in silver and one-of-a-kind pieces are always a holiday favorite with our shoppers.
- 1:00pm Super Christmas Puppet show by Prime Time Puppets, Central Square Mall
- 11:00-4:00pm Visit with Santa at the Central Square Mall
- 11:00-4:00pm Children's Train/Sleigh Ride through Santa's Workshop & Winter Wonderland, Central Square Mall
- 10:30-1:00pm Live Holiday Music: Vern Bishop & the Moose River Band. Sponsored by the Forest History Center.
- 10:00-4:00pm Christmas in the Logging Camp at the Forest History Center. Experience an old-fashioned Christmas celebration with wagon rides and music. Admission: \$9 adults, \$7 seniors, \$6 children (6-17) with Members of the Minnesota Historical Society and children 5 and under FREE. Admission to this event gets people into Holiday Lights & Fireworks FREE.
- 4:00-7:15pm Holiday Lights & Fireworks at the Forest History Center: Listen to Children's Rockin' Holiday Music by NRG Entertainment; visit Santa in his Northwoods Workshop; see Santa flip the switch to illuminate thousands of lights on the Fire Tower, which serves as his Beacon in the Northwoods; Ride in a Horse-Drawn Wagon and sing carols; experience a dramatic fireworks show presented by Leo T. Burley (launch is at 7 p.m.). Admission: \$4.50 adults, \$3.50 seniors, \$3 children (6-17), and FREE for Members of the Minnesota Historical Society and children 5 and under.
- 5:00-11:00pm Grace House Dinner/Dance Fundraiser: Fundraising event for Grace House of Itasca County. The only Homeless Shelter in Itasca County. "Providing safe, temporary shelter for individuals who are experiencing homelessness, and connect them to community resources" Contact Person is Ron Oleheiser at (218) 326-2790.
- 6:00pm Grand Rapids High School Choir's present A Madrigal Dinner, December 4 & 5, at Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge. Social at 6pm and Dinner at 7pm. Tickets (\$31) available through the Reif Center, (218) 327-5780.
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Sunday, December 6, 2015

- 10:00-4:00pm Christmas in the Logging Camp at the Forest History Center. Experience an old-fashioned Christmas celebration with wagon rides and music. Admission: \$9 adults, \$7 seniors, \$6 children (6-17) with Members of the Minnesota Historical Society and children 5 and under FREE.
- 2:00-5:00pm The Nutcracker, Reif on the Road, Greenway Auditorium Tickets are available through the Reif Center, (218) 327-5780.
- 2:30pm Grand Rapids Area Male Chorus: Christmas Concert, Sunday December 6 2015 2:30pm
St Andrew's Lutheran Church Grand Rapids MN

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