

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, November 3, 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, November 3, 2015 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Approve the Minutes: Regular Meeting October 6, 2015
5. Financials
6. Old Business
Progress Reports: Arts & Culture Plan
Mississippi River Venue Update
2015 Evaluation
Meeting Day and Time 2016 Discussion
7. New Business
8. Correspondence/Announcements
9. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, December 1, 2015
10. Adjourn

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B – GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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, October 6, 2015, at 3:15 pm

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

Present via skype: Benjamin Braff

Commissioner Walker arrived at 3:25 pm
Commissioner Marty arrived at 3:40 pm

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer, Jessica Setness and Michele Palkki

SETTING THE AGENDA:

NEW BUSINESS

ICTV- Beth George: Commissioner Dodge moved ICTV to the beginning of the agenda.

Ms. George touched on the relationship that ICTV has with the City of Grand Rapids. ICTV is connected through the Grand Rapids Cable Commission and is member based which was incorporated as a nonprofit in 1983. ICTV is available for numerous programs with the City, County, Non-Profits, and etc. There is much social media that is available today and can be done by ICTV. The Commission thanked Ms. George for attending & giving us a brief look into ICTV.

Commissioner Walker arrived at 3:25 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, September 1, 2015

Motion by Commissioner Bendix, second by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 1, 2015 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Marty arrived at 3:40 pm

FINANCIAL REPORT

A discussion was held regarding an invoice from the MacRostie Art Center. The MacRostie hosted the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission Creative MN Presents at First Friday, October 2. The Commission reported they would pay up to \$75.00.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REQUEST – MacRostie Invoice

Motion by Commissioner Merrild, second by Commissioner Walker to approve the request for payment on behalf of MacRostie Art Center, not to exceed \$75.00. This was for the facility rental for Creative MN Presents on First Friday, October 2. As presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS – Commissioner’s Reports

Commissioner Connelly – Get Fit / Community Garden

Commissioner Connelly reported that there is a possibility for an artist to paint a building/shed that the Community Garden is hoping to place out at the college so tools and etc. do not have to be transported each time. A question was raised if we could pay an artist for this project or help subsidize. Ms. Dettmer will check with our Finance Department on this item. Another idea was to work with Public Works for art downtown.

Commissioner Dodge – Indigenous People’s Day / Pop Up Park / Creative MN

Commissioner Dodge mentioned that there would be a celebration at the pop up park on Monday, October 12, 2015 for Indigenous People’s Day. The event begins at 11:00 am and goes until 1:00 pm. Anyone wishing to help with this event would be greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Dodge also reported that she sent some information to Kim Gibeau, City Clerk and appears that they are working on simplifying the rules as talked about during the meetings for the Art and Culture Plan.

Ms. Setness reported that she is part of the City’s web team that Kim is also on and is working diligently to get a large piece of information, including, questions, licenses and etc. to be available for people to go to. They will be able to choose different topics and when those are chosen it will bring you to information related to that topic and the process in which what is required and etc. There will be fillable forms also online to streamline this process and as always you can contact the Administration Department and someone will help you.

Commissioner Dodge presented a spreadsheet that showed the different events that were held over the summer in the pop up park and when possible people who participated were counted.

Commissioner Dodge reported that at the MacRostie October 2 First Friday, Sheila Smith, Executive Director of Minnesota Citizen’s for the Arts gave a presentation on the economic impact of nonprofit arts and culture organizations in Grand Rapids and how we compared to other cities and counties around the state. The total economic impact for Grand Rapids was \$5,079,985. Grand Rapids was the 14th largest community in terms of population amongst the 17 studied; it was fourth largest in terms of economic impact.

NEW BUSINESS

Feasibility Study – River Venue

Commissioner Dodge indicated that with Showboat now being done where does the Commission want to begin regarding finding a new place along the river for events/entertainment. A discussion took place that the City has several plans/study that we can go through and not pay for another study if we already have the information available to us.

Questions were raised regarding the area where the Rotary Tent is currently, is there land to expand this area? How does parking fit into the scenario.

The Commission seems to be in a place where we may need direction from the City as to how to proceed with this issue. Commissioner Merrild reported that she would be willing to meet with City Administrator Tom Pagel and get his direction on where to start.

Meeting Date and Time

Commissioner Dodge reported that we have an opportunity to change the time and or date of our meetings. The current calendar that shows all the meetings for the City was distributed. This item will be placed on the November agenda for discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/QUESTIONS

Commissioner Braff asked the question if the City would place a pleasure skating rink either on the front lawn of Central School or the Kremer's Parking Lot for this winter.

Commissioner Marty will check with either City Administrator Tom Pagel or Public Works Director Jeff Davies on this item.

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, November 3, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.