

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, October 6, 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, October 6, 2015 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Approve the Minutes: Regular Meeting September 1, 2015
5. Financials
6. Old Business Progress Reports: Arts & Culture Plan
2015 Evaluation
7. New Business Meeting Day and Time 2016 Discussion
ICTV – Beth George
Feasibility Study River Venue
Creative MN Results
8. Correspondence/Announcements
9. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, November 3, 2015
10. Adjourn

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B- GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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, September 1, 2015, at 3:15 pm

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

Commissioners absent: John Connelly, Benjamin Braff, Todd Driscoll

Staff Present: Jessica Setness and Michele Palkki

SETTING THE AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, August 4, 2015

Motion by Commissioner Merrild, second by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 4, 2015 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The current budget balance remains at \$1,296.00. Some suggestions were as follows: food and/or beverages for the Creative MN Presentation at the MacRostie October 2; rental of the MacRostie October 2, more lighting on the 3rd floor of Central School for the artist in residence; artist in residence marketing; future research on venues. Commissioner Dodge will check with the City Finance Director on what the fund balance can be used for.

OLD BUSINESS - Commissioner's reports

Commissioner Walker – Creating a Map App

Commissioner Walker reported that depending upon the logistics of the application it would be complicated to do because of all the hosts/websites. Maybe the first step would be to set up the map and then go from there.

Commissioner Dodge – Pop up Park

Commissioner Dodge reported that with some planning we could make the displays better in the future. This being the 1st year it went well. October 2nd First Friday John Schroeder will be presenting. A question was raised wondering if those who sold Christmas Trees have to have a license/permit. Commissioner Merrild presented the idea of having a “Christmas Tree Maze” and then at the end would be the display of trees.

Commissioner Marty – Art Award

Commissioner Marty and Merrild have been working on putting together the first annual art award for 2016. Commissioner Marty reported that the Chamber of Commerce was favorable as having the presentation done at the Annual Chamber Banquet in April; those in attendance thought this would be a good avenue to start with.

Commissioner Marty asked for comments/suggestions as to the criteria for the award and it would be brought before the Commission to adopt. Some ideas; Business Arts Award; Individual Award; 1 Award or more; Mayor Award for the Arts; Arts and Culture Award; Arts Leadership Award, Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission Award.

Commissioner Marty reported that he and Commissioner Merrild would work out the logistics for this to be on a future agenda for the Commission to approve.

Commissioner Dodge – River Venue

Commissioner Dodge went over what had been previously talked about regarding the locations for the venue on the river. Knowing all the priorities in place with the City it appears that without more public comment and community meetings the move from showboat landing seems to be still unclear.

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Walker to seek further community input and research on developing a performing arts venue along the Mississippi River. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Artist in Residence

Commissioner Bendix reported Leah Yellowbird would like to extend her residence from August until November. Currently there is an opening to extend her application.

Motion by Commissioner Bendix, second by Commissioner Marty to approve the extension of Leah Yellowbird's application. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dodge announced that the Creative MN Presentation would take place on October 2 at the MacRostie Art Center beginning at 5:00 pm. All commissioners are welcome to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 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, October 6, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.

Pop Up Park Data
June - October 2015

	# in Park	Arts Participants	Arts Observers	Suggestions for parking lot	Other	Comments
6/5/2015	95	n/a	n/a	bean bag toss	Log Cabin Pizza	
				something for kids	Up North Kettle Corn	
				roller derby demo		
				garden	Eric George guitar	
				hay bales		
				music and fresh food		
				trees		
				farmers market		
7/3/2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Log Cabin Pizza	
					Up North Kettle Corn	Forest Jam
8/7/2015	25	45	5	green space	Log Cabin Pizza	
				bike rack	Ice Cream Truck	
				skating rink (2)	Tom Page	
				monthly outdoor tap room		
				put things on table & let them fly		
				farmers market		
				statuary park		
				xmas market		
				xmas tree lot decorated by groups		
				restaurant:outdoor seating		
				bouncy house that looks like Kremers		
				food truck once a week		
				grass		
				Ideas for walking		
				luminaries		
				develop parking lot		
				restaurant/bar		
				ticket red light runners on Hwy 2		
				marked pathway: benches/flowers		
				educate drivers		
				pedestrian bridge		
9/4/2015						postponed
10/2/2015		7			Uncommon Loons	