

## ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 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, September 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 August 4, 2015
5. Financials
6. Old Business  
Progress Reports: Arts & Culture Plan  
River Venues Update  
Pop up Park Update  
Tabled Motion / Amphitheater Location
7. New Business  
Yvonne Byrd Residency  
Creative MN Presentation
8. Correspondence/Announcements
9. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2015
10. Adjourn

**CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B- GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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, August 4, 2015, at 3:15 pm

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, David Marty, John Connelly, Benjamin Braff, Sonja Merrild and Karen Walker. Todd Driscoll arrived at 4:10 pm.

Commissioners absent: Lois Bendix and Harry Smith

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer, Jessica Setness and Michele Palkki

**SETTING THE AGENDA:**

Add: Artist in Residence  
Creative Minnesota Presentation October 2

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, July 7, 2015 – corrections as listed**

Page 2: spelling of ZiiBi and name Aaron Squadroni

Page 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in August and October

Page 3: not be approving

**Motion by Commissioner Merrild, second by Commissioner Walker to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 7, 2015 with the corrections listed above. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The current budget balance remains at \$1,296.00. A question was asked if we do not spend this money could it be carried over to the next year. The answer would be no, any funds that are not spent go back into the general fund. Budgets are January through December.

**OLD BUSINESS - Commissioner's reports**

***Commissioner Connelly – Pop Up Park***

Pop Up Park – A discussion was held regarding the panels that Aaron Squadroni has built. There appears to be several panels that do not have anything on them yet. Commissioner Connelly will follow-up with Aaron Squadroni and find out how many remaining panels there are to complete and then will report to Commissioner Dodge to try to find artist groups to finish them.

*Commissioner Dodge – River Venue Update*

River Venue Update: Commission Dodge reported that along with Amy Dettmer and Sonja Merrild she met with City Administrator Tom Pagel regarding the bonding proposal submitted to the State of Minnesota for a river venue at the Forest History Center. It was announced at the July 7 meeting that the City would be moving forward with a bond proposal for \$1.5 million for the venue. This proposal was approved by the City Council.

Commissioner Driscoll arrived at 4:10 pm

During the discussion, it was noted that, there might be other options for a new venue, other than the Forest History Center. The decision to go with the Forest History Center was quick because of the deadlines for the state bond request; these are done every 2 years. If the Commission feels that they were too rushed into making a decision for the proposal, they could ask the City to pull the bonding request and research other options.

The other option would be that the Commission fully supports the proposal for the venue at the Forest History Center.

The City would like the Commission to either support the new venue or to wait and do more research. If the latter the City would then pull the bond request for the 1.5 million.

**Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Braff to support the current proposal to develop the river venue at the Forest History Center.** During the discussion, the Commission felt rushed in making a decision and was not ready to vote at this meeting. No vote.

There was a discussion regarding the bond request that has been submitted. If the Commission votes to wait on developing another possible site, the City would pull the State Bond request at that time. The next opportunity for requesting state bond money would be in 2018.

**Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by Commissioner Connelly to table the proposal in developing an amphitheater at the Forest History Center until the next regular Arts and Culture Meeting scheduled for September 1, at that time the Commission will make a motion regarding the river venue project. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

The Commission asked Ms. Dettmer to research the GR Arts Plan and the City Comprehensive Plan as to public comments.

*Commissioner Marty – Art Award*

Art Award: Commissioner Marty reported that he and Commissioner Merrild have been meeting with Bud Stone, Chamber of Commerce, as to an art award for 2016. Some of the questions that have yet been answered are: What is the nature of the Award? Individual or Business? This item was postponed until the regular meeting September 1.



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***Commissioner Dodge – Creative MN Presentation***

Creative MN Presentation will be reviewed at 5:00 pm at the MacRostie Art Center on the first Friday event on October 2.

Commissioner Dodge reported that Artist in Residence discussion could wait until the regular meeting in September.

***City Comprehensive Plan***

Staff Liaison Dettmer reported that GRMN Creates is now part of the City Comprehensive Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 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, September 1, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.