

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 7, 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, July 7, 2015 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Setting the Agenda
4. Approve the Minutes: Regular Meeting June 9, 2015
5. Old Business Reports on progress of Arts and Culture Plan
6. New Business Native American relationship building
David Marty and Becky LaPlant
7. Correspondence/Announcements
8. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 2015
9. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B- GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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, June 9, 2015, at 3:15 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, Todd Driscoll, Harry Smith, Lois Bendix, David Marty, John Connelly and Karen Walker.

Commissioners absent: Sonja Merrild and Benjamin Braff

Staff Present: Tom Pagel, Jeff Davies, Amy Dettmer, Jessica Setness and Michele Palkki

Visitor: None

SETTING THE AGENDA: Under New Business, the following was added:

December First Friday, Central School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, May 5, 2015

Change: Page 2 regarding the web page; quick starts change to “quick links”.

Motion by Commissioner Bendix, second by Commissioner Driscoll to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 5, 2015 with the change listed above. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS - Commissioner’s reports

Forest History Center/Showboat – Commissioner Connelly

Commissioner Connelly has met with Jeff Johns from the Forest History Center and is excited to work with the Arts and Culture Commission on providing more events at the Forest History Center. Overall attendance is growing and people are getting excited. Commissioner Connelly also met with the Get Fit program and they would like to include community wellness and possibly a community garden. Many avenues can be explored to see what is in the future.

Commissioner Connelly reported that they would like to not only host the new site for Showboat but to have workshops and various events all year long.

Showboat – City Administrator Pagel

Mr. Pagel reported that a letter has been sent to the Showboat Board indicating that the lease for the current Showboat Landing site will be terminated at some point this calendar year. Some discussion was held hoping the City would reconsider the use of this land.

Mr. Pagel reported that the City Council passed a resolution to apply for state bonding for 1.5 million dollars to build a new amphitheater at the Forest History site. The deadline for this application is Friday, June 12, 2015. If awarded the money, the City would have to find matching funding for the project. The City would maintain ownership for 22 years and then would revert to the Forest History Center. The Forest History Center, while using existing staff, would schedule and manage the facility.

Commissioner Marty volunteered to work with the logistics of the contract. We want the same vision to continue. The facility would most likely not be available until 2017.

Arts Award – Commissioner Marty and Commissioner Merrild

Commissioner Marty still needs to follow up with the Chamber concerning the business/arts award and will have more details to bring back to the Commission later.

Art Adoption Policy – Commissioner Driscoll

Nothing to report

Central School – Commissioner Smith

Commissioner Smith has met with Community Development Director Rob Mattei and is working on the site possibilities for Central School, which may include a brew pub/restaurant. Mr. Mattei is in contact with the developers but has not come up with any site plans.

Kremer's Parking Lot (Pop Up Park) – Commissioner Dodge

Commissioner Dodge is continuing to work Mr. Davies to create a place to sit, visit, watch, or grab a bite to eat of the Kremer's parking lot for 1st Fridays. Last month they had kettle corn, brick oven pizza and music. They are working with getting some panels to have in place to help with the noise of traffic along the highway. Mr. Davies also reported that the Big Chair has been painted and fits very nicely in its location. Compliments to Mr. Davies for taking care of the chair.

Commissioner Dodge reported that Grand Rapids Arts applied for grant funding from Arrowhead Regional Arts Council to provide activities in August and September; this may include chalk art, artists fees and supplies, tent rental and marketing funds.

Artist in Residence – Commissioner Bendix

Commissioner Bendix reported that Leah Yellowbird would like to continue for another 3 months or until she leaves for the winter.

APPROVAL OF ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – AUGUST 15 – OCTOBER 2015.

Motion by Commissioner Smith, second by Commissioner Bendix to approve the Artist in Residents, Leah Yellowbird for August – October 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

December 1st Friday – Commissioner Walker (Santa Lights the Lights)

Commissioner Walker reported that Community Education #318 and the City have worked together on this event for many years and support is non-existent other than the City and Community Education. The community really looks forward to this event; however, last year we used the Baby Steps location, which was just too small for as many individuals that come out, especially to see Santa. If there is another room on the main floor of Central School that opens, we respectfully request that room for this event.

Announcements:

Rural Arts and Culture Summit – Commissioner Dodge

Commissioner Dodge went to the Rural Arts and Culture Summit and were very pleased to see what connections can be made for the future here.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 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, July 7, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.

Circle of Healing

Taking courageous actions, based in cultural competency and awareness, that create and support conditions for Native and non-native people to connect in ways that promote mutual growth and cultural understanding, and address real-world needs.

Building relationships, connections & cultural understanding

Local Boarding School Trip

Lead: Carolyn Eck
Team: Isaac Meyer, Cheri & Terry Stephens, Colleena Bibeau

Anishinaabe Worldview Training

Lead: GRPD
Team: Noreen Hautala, Gerald White, Cheri & Terry Stephens, Becky LaPlant

Host Community Conversations ex: race, welcoming community & Circle Suppers

Lead: Colleena Bibeau
Team: Kathy Annette, Corey Wahwassuck, Noreen Hautala, Terry Stephens, Tanis Hender

Friends program for students (like done for international students)

Lead: Terry Stephens
Team: Cheri Stephens, Karen Noyce, Carolyn Eck

"Circle Suppers" Storytelling with oral history project linking generations

Lead:
Team: Benjamin Braff, Cheri & Terry Stephens, Colleena Bibeau

Community gardening w/native foods

Lead: Colleena Bibeau
Team: Joan Bibeau

Indigenous Peoples Day—October 12, 2015

Lead: Grand Rapids HRC
Team: Joan Bibeau (Barb Sanderson, Karen Noyce, Becky LaPlant)

Supporting Youth

BF Scholarships—ideas for outreach to Native youth

Lead: Darlene Freeman
Team: Leah Monroe, Gerald White

Recruit Native teachers

Lead:
Team: Leah Monroe, Gerald White, Darlene Freeman, Joan Bibeau (?), Karen Noyce (?)

Teaching Moments - Resources for teachers ex: Speaker's Bureau; shared learning

Lead:
Team: Leah Monroe, Gerald White, Darlene Freeman, Joan Bibeau

Arts & Culture

Great Hurt Readers Theater in schools (St. Scholastica leads)

Lead: TBD
Team: Noreen Hautala, Gerald White, Cheri & Terry Stephens

Host WTM exhibit at the MacRostie—Nov '15—needs art component

Lead: MacRostie
Team: Art piece will be accomplished through Indigenous Peoples Day—could volunteer to help setup/take down

Anishinaabe signage in our community & schools

Lead: Laurie Eide
Team: Isaac Meyer, Benjamin Braff, Karen Noyce, Bud Stone

Circle of Healing – Opening Reflection

Purpose

Our purpose is to take courageous actions, based in cultural competency and awareness, that create and support conditions for Native and non-native people to connect in ways that promote mutual growth and cultural understanding, and address real-world needs.

To do this we will:

- *Engage in focused learning, as a group and with others, around topics that expand our understanding of reality.*
- *Seek opportunities to work with and through others. Ex: the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission; the Grand Rapids Human Rights Commission; ICC.*
- *Host conversations that build relationships, connections and cultural understanding.*

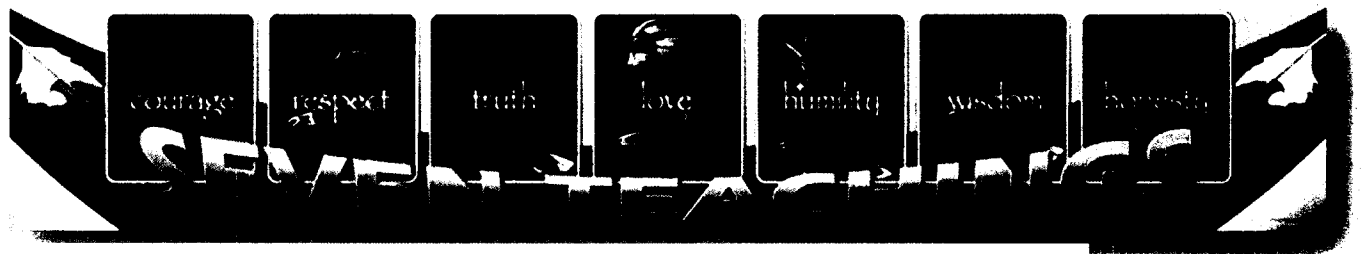


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Principles we observe and value – the Seven Grandfathers Teachings (Ojibwe)

Inendizowin (Humility)

- Recognize oneself as an equal part of creation
- Be careful what one says around others
- Demonstrate empathy to others
- Be respectful of the thoughts and ideas of others
- Recognize one's weaknesses and acknowledge the capacity for self-growth
- Develop and practice good listening and observation skills

Zoongide'iwin (Courage)

- Face difficult situations with bravery
- Acknowledge one's personal weaknesses and develop strength to combat them
- Demonstrate the ability to take initiative and speak when asked

Manaaji'idiwin (Respect)

- Accept cultural, religious, and gender differences
- Maintain high standards of conduct at all times
- Safeguard the dignity, individuality, and rights of others
- Practice ethical behavior at all times

Nibwaakaawin (Wisdom)

- Seek guidance from elders and advisors
- Take time to reflect upon experiences
- Acknowledge the opportunity to learn from others
- Persist in acquiring knowledge and improving skills
- Strive to accomplish goals and dreams

Debwewin (Truth)

- Speak as honestly as one can according to one's perception
- Be loyal in all relationships
- Avoid hypocrisy

Gwayakwaadiziwin (Honesty)

- Maintain truthfulness, sincerity, and fairness in all one's actions
- Possess the ability to manage confidential information
- Communicate with others fairly and truthfully

Zaagi'idiwin (Love)

- Work cooperatively and harmoniously with others
- Show kindness and compassion
- Demonstrate acceptance and the empowerment of others
- Offer hope, encouragement, and inspiration

Seven Grandfather Teachings from Leech Lake Tribal College website:

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