

## ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

### Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 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, April 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 March 3, 2015
5. Old Business Review Proposed 2015 Plan  
Adirondack Chair Update
6. New Business New meeting time?  
Report from Benjamin Braff  
Report from Lois Bendix
7. Correspondence/Announcements
8. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 2015
9. 1Adjourn

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

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Sonja Merrild, Benjamin Braff, Lois Bendix, John Connelly, Kathy Dodge, Karen Walker, and David Marty  
Note: Benjamin Braff was present via videoconferencing on Skype.

Commissioners absent: Todd Driscoll, Harry Smith

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer

Visitor: None

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

ArtPlace America Grant  
Showboat Venue  
Creative MN Report

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, February 3, 2015, and Special Meeting, February 17, 2015**

**Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Bendix to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 3, 2015 and Special Meeting, February 17, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Arts and Culture Discussion*

Discussed the Quick Wins sheet Commissioner Dodge created. From a list of 15 objectives Commissioner Dodge had commissioners select objectives they think are in progress now and choose one that is a high priority. Commissioners discussed the best way to keep council updated on progress of plan. Discussion about commissioners attending meetings of organizations such as the business roundtable, IEDC Board, and GREDA.

*First Friday Celebration*

Friday, March 6 at MacRostie Art Center during First Friday there will be a celebration of the completion of the final draft. There will be a toast at 6 pm along with a display of the 5 goals and quick wins from the draft plan in studio 2D.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Creative MN Report*

At the end of February Sheila Smith from Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA) presented ***Creative MN: The Health and Impact of the Nonprofit Arts and Culture Sector*** report at the Reif Center. For \$1,500 the MCA can break out the report into any zip codes in northern Minnesota.

Motion by Commissioner Marty to use Arts and Culture funds to pay for a report of 55744.  
Second by Commissioner Merrild.

### *Showboat Venue*

Commissioner Dodge forwarded a letter to commissioners from the President of Showboat. The president wants members to know Showboat has new board members and the show will go on.

### *ArtPlace America grant application*

Commissioner Connelly is completing an application for a Community Development Investment grant from ArtPlace America. Commissioner Connelly is working with Meghan Bown of Get Fit Itasca to write the application. Get Fit Itasca is submitting the application with the YMCA designated as the fiscal agent. He asked commissioners to help brainstorm an answer to why is the time now for Grand Rapids to have this grant?

### *Approval of Artist in Residence*

Commissioner Bendix reported Jean Christianson, rosemler, applied to be artist in residence August 15-November 15. Applications go to Grand Rapids Arts first. The commission did not approve Jean because the application has yet to go to Grand Rapids Arts.

Karen Walker left at 4:25 pm

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Dettmer

Reminder, the next regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B.

**Michele Palkki**

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**From:** Grand Rapids Arts <grandrapidsarts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 13, 2015 5:23 PM  
**To:** Kathy Dodge; Michele Palkki  
**Subject:** Fwd: Artist in Residence Application [#12]

Looks like August through November is good. I will send email acknowledging her application and tell her it will come up at next month's GR Arts meeting for referral to the GRAAC.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>  
**Date:** Thu, Feb 5, 2015 at 7:20 PM  
**Subject:** Artist in Residence Application [#12]  
**To:** [grandrapidsarts@gmail.com](mailto:grandrapidsarts@gmail.com)

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**Name \*** Jean Christensen

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Grand Rapids , MN 55744  
United States

**Phone Number \*** [\(218\) 999-7426](tel:(218)999-7426)

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**Email** [jeanclebeda@gmail.com](mailto:jeanclebeda@gmail.com)

**Genre and description of art: \*** Rosemaling which is a Norwegian Folk Art. Have been doing this for 10+ years, Studied under Gold Medalists, and Norwegian Masters. Proficient in several different styles.

I wish to apply for an artist residency in Central School. I would like to apply for the following time periods. (Check any that will work for you.) \*

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| February 15, 2015 to May 15, 2015 |
| August 15 to November 15, 2015    |

I acknowledge that I will be housed with 1 or 2 other artists. I have reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding. I can have art on display and also produce art in the space. I can also hold classes or demonstrations. I agree to work with the other artists so our space is staffed during the Central School hours, which are 9:00 AM to

I acknowledge this statement and wish to submit my application.

5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Saturday

hours are encouraged.



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Lois Bendix, President  
*GrandRapidsArts.org*

