

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

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

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Correspondence
4. Approve the following Minutes: Regular Meeting December 2, 2014
5. Old Business Arts and Culture Discussion
6. New Business By Laws Change
7. Set agenda for next regular meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2015
8. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
CONFERENCE ROOM 2B- GRAND RAPIDS CITY HALL
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2014 – 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, December 2, 2014, at 3:15 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, Sonja Merrild, David Marty, Todd Driscoll, Lois Bendix, Carissa Grosland, Karen Walker and new Commissioner John Connelly

Commissioners absent: Harry Smith

Staff Present: Michele Palkki and Amy Dettmer

Visitor: None

Added to the agenda: Artist in Residence Staci Taylor and Election of Officers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, November 5, 2014

The following was added under Arts and Culture Discussion. The list of priorities was first recommendations from the consultants.

Motion by Commissioner Driscoll, second by Commissioner Merrild to approve the minutes, with the changes, of the Regular Meeting, November 5, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Bendix to nominate Kathy Dodge as Chair, Sonja Merrild as Vice-Chair and Todd Driscoll as Secretary. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Artist in Residence

Grand Rapids Arts has recommended the acceptance of the application that was submitted by Staci Taylor for November – February 2015. Staci is a paper maker and calligrapher, working with mixed media project on various states of balance.

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Driscoll to accept the application from Staci Taylor as the Artist in Residence for the time period of November 2014 until February, 2015. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Art and Culture Plan

The Consultants have sent their preliminary results to the Commission to look over and make recommendations to be included in the draft. Included in the preliminary results:

- **Cultural Asset Maps** – these maps identify the physical location of assets and also highlighted specific areas community members identified desired ideas.
- **Survey Summary** – Highlights results received from the community survey that was available from September 16 to October 30, 2014.
- **Community Meeting Summary** – these were the ideas that emerged through the different community meetings and frames them in terms of potential plan ideas.
- **Stakeholder Interview Summary** – the summary outlines the numerous individuals that were interviewed to help the team gain a larger understanding about the arts and cultural needs and opportunities present in Grand Rapids.

GRMN Creates –a draft Arts and Culture Plan review schedule

- Monday, December 15th; Draft Plan to Commission
- Wednesday, January 7th; Commission returns comments/edits/ideas
- Monday, January 12th; Revised Draft Plan sent to City of GR Department Heads
- Friday, January 16th; Department Heads return comments/edits/ideas
- Monday, January 19th; Revised Draft Plan posted online for public review
- Friday, February 6th; Public Comment period closes
- Monday, February 16th; Final Draft Plan due to the Commission
- Monday, February 23rd; Commission Members present final draft plan to Council
- Friday, March 6th-9th; Consultant visit for presentation to Council.

The Commission put together the following to give to the consultants.

Challenges

- Connecting fragments of downtown GR
- Utilize empty buildings
- Commissioners on other commissions
- Artist spaces
- Inviting diverse voices into the work
- Linking our work with City and other departments
- Promote GR arts and culture offerings regionally
- Support arts integration within school district

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Concerns

- Lack of support for Native Americans
- Ignoring the Mississippi River
- Inclusivity-cultures/economics
- Art education
- Art education ISD 318 K-12 & invest Early and our role in this
- Flexibility
- How to connect arts with health and environment without diluting efforts
- Staff position
- Comp. artists support facilities

Doable

- List of procedures
- Walkability downtown
- Public art
- Collaboration
- Facilitation
- Short term goals/long term goals
- Using arts to revitalize vacant spaces
- Making Central School "central"
- Parks and rec cooperation
- Address downtown connectivity

Stands out

- Importance of downtown
- Working with Get Fit Itasca
- Aesthetics
- Working as facilitator w/ existing groups to move forward on recommendations from sheets
- Arts and culture is good for society
- Missed opportunities for engaging youth in arts education
- Provide low cost opportunities for children and adults
- After school arts program

Once the draft is received Commissioners will have time to make notes and collaborate on the 2nd draft at the January 6th meeting with the results going to the consultants thereafter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki

Reminder, the next regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 beginning at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids City Hall, Conference Room 2B