

MEETING NOTICE
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 4, 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a regular meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission will be held in the Riverview Room at the Grand Rapids Area Public Library, 140 Northeast 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744 on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Presentation by Aaron Squadroni
3. Public input
4. Correspondence
5. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2014
6. Old Business:
Clarification of duties of Grand Rapids Arts and Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission regarding artists in Central School
7. New Business:
Requests for proposals for cultural plan for Grand Rapids
8. Set agenda for next regular meeting – Tuesday, April 1, 2014
9. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
RIVERVIEW ROOM – GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 the Riverview Room at the Grand Rapids Area Library, 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 3:15 pm

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, Brian Carlson, David Marty, Sonja Merrild, Carissa Grosland, Todd Driscoll, Ashley Kolka and Karen Walker

Commissioner Absent: Lois Bendix

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer, and Michele Palkki

Visitors/Artists: Diamond Knispel, Lory Worthing

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, the regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission was called to order by Chairperson Dodge at 3:15 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 7, 2014

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Kolka to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2014. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Visitors: Outgoing artist Diamond Knispel was present to give a report on the experience of her time at Central School as one of artists provided space in Old Central School. There were several items that the commission may want to check into for the future. Diamond said this was an amazing experience and very thankful for the opportunity.

Lory Worthing will move into Central School in mid-February and was present to meet the Commission. Aaron Squadroni will be the 2nd artist moving into Central School but had other commitments and was unable to attend to this meeting.

Aaron Squadroni focuses on realistic graphite drawings of mining related subject matter. Aaron is also trained as an architect and worked on a number of public artworks. Aron will also be a nice fit as an artist in residence at Central School.

Both artists stated they would be able to be in Central School during regular hours when open to the public.

Request for Proposal

In the absence of Commissioner Dodge, Amy Dettmer, represented the Commission and was present at the Council Meeting to answer any questions they may have had. The City Council approved the request for proposal on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Commissioner Marty had presented a list of potential people who may be interested in submitting a proposal to us. Staff mailed out the Request For Proposal to those listed and emailed a PDF if email was provided. Each member was given opportunity to send to others they thought might be interested.

New Business

Amy Dettmer read an email that was written to Rob Mattei from Tom Schmoll, Central School Manager. Apparently, one of the artists lost a key for the exterior doors. Mr. Schmoll reported that he had some concerns regarding the exterior keys and that the artists should not need a key if they are using Central School during regular business hours. The Commission discussed this item and determined that exterior door keys are not necessary.

CENTRAL SCHOOL KEYS

Motion by Commissioner Grosland, second by Commissioner Kolka to allow the artist a key for the interior space only. Commissioner Marty Nay, Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki

The next regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts Commission will be Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids Area Library.

Notes related to 3/3/14 Arts and Culture Working Group Meeting

Discussion about 8 Proposals-narrowed to two
Creative Community Builders & Metris Arts Consulting

Tom Page

Did not address RFP

Blue Sky Thinking

Strategic organizational planning
Not specific to what arts and culture doing
No experience community cultural plan
Too bare bones
Too generic

Metris Arts Consulting

Can do project
Rural Minnesota connection
Arts and culture planning experience
Have done this before

106Group

Not as dynamic
More environmental landscape projects
Like that used locals
No experience doing this

Marmillion Company

Organization based-not community
Urban based
Didn't address our plan
Too generic

Creative Community Builders

Detailed
Minnesota connection
Have done this before
Keep on table

CivicMoxie

Lot of urban development
Distant (Mass.)
Didn't synthesize
Lots of \$\$\$
Don't know rural
Notes in blue good

ArtSpace

Property development
Did address native population
Did do research
Not right fit
Doesn't look like know how to do community cultural plan

Michele Palkki

From: Kathy Dodge <ktodog@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 5:49 PM
To: Michele Palkki
Subject: Central School Update

Michele,

Please forward to the Arts Commission. Thanks.

This is an update on the exciting changes that have happened over the past few days with our artists at Central School, Lory Worthing and Aaron Squadroni. Things have happened quickly in the past 24 hours. Purple Pine Cone will be moving into the three classrooms on the second floor facing south. Janna Salmela's Photography Studio will then move across the hall. The space occupied by Whispering Woods will soon be occupied by an Aveda Salon. I want to thank Rob Mattei for not throwing us out on the street and having the vision to find a new space for our artists. Aaron and Lory will now be on the very top floor. It has been a space previously closed off to the public. It is a visually pleasing space with running water. The space has been modified and made smaller allowing occupancy for small groups of people. The new businesses will bring more people to the building, and I believe the artists will have many visits from people who are curious about the mysterious top floor. All of us concerned are very pleased with the change and the City's support for the Artists in Residence Program.

 Kathy

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