

**MEETING NOTICE**  
**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, February 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, February 4, 2014 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of new commissioner
3. Public input
4. Correspondence
5. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2013
6. Old Business:
  - Report from artists in Central School November – January
  - Meet with incoming artists
7. New Business:
  - Artist Space
8. Set agenda for next regular meeting – Tuesday, March 4, 2014
9. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION  
RIVERVIEW ROOM – GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY  
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 3:15 pm

**CALL OF ROLL:** On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Kathy Dodge, Lois Bendix, Ashley Kolka, Karen Walker, David Marty

Commissioner Absent: Brian Carlson, Carissa Grosland, Todd Driscoll

Staff Present: Amy Dettmer, and Michele Palkki

Visitors/Artists: Sam Evans and Carol Morrill

**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 3:20 pm.

**Visitors:** Sam Evans and Carol Morrill, representing Itasca Community Chorus, wanted to meet with the Commission to update them on a concert at the Reif on May 18 called War and Peace. This will be a collaboration, including the Middle School Chorus Department. Mr. Evans will be conducting interviews with area veterans that represent all the wars from World War II to the most current.

Mr. Evans reported that they will be applying for an IRRRB Grant and if they receive this grant, the Itasca County Historical Society and Itasca County Television (ICTV) will provide both advertising and interviews with those that will be performing. The City of Grand Rapids gave a letter of endorsement to include with their grant request.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 3, 2013**

**Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Bendix to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 3, 2013. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**Old Business**

**Artist Update**

Commissioner Bendix reported that 2 applications were received for the upcoming openings at Central School beginning in February.

Lory Worthing paints in acrylics, watercolor and oils in both realistic and impressionistic matter. She is a member of MacRostie Art Center. Lory teaches watercolor painting for children and loves doing demonstrations. She would make a very nice fit for Central School.

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 would also fit in as an artist in residence at Central School.

The Grand Rapids Arts Commission recommends the acceptance of both artists, Lory Worthing and Aaron Squadroni for the period of February through April in Central School.

### **Request for Proposal**

The final changes were put together along with the Commission's suggestions. Commissioner Dodge reported there were a few more additions and will make the final copy ready for the upcoming Council Meeting, January 14, 2014. The deadline for items to be considered at the upcoming January 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting need to be in by Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **APPROVAL OF RFP**

**Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by Commissioner Kolka to approve the amended request for proposal as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Commissioner Dodge will meet with staff Wednesday morning to make the final changes as presented and meet with the City Administrator for approval. Commissioner Dodge will represent the Arts and Culture Commission at the January 14, 2014 Council Meeting, Ms. Dodge will be able to make a short presentation and be available for any questions.

If approved by City Council on January 14<sup>th</sup> the RFP will then be sent to the recommended individuals Commission Marty provided. The Commission will also be able to make available to those they believe may be interested in submitting a proposal. The RFP will also be posted to the City Website and bulletin board.

### **New Business**

It was discussed to invite the outgoing Artists in Residence to come to the next regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission February 4. Commissioner Bendix will make contact with the 2 artists and invite them to the meeting.

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, February 4, 2014 at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids Area Library.



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