

MEETING NOTICE
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Tuesday, January 7, 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, January 7, 2014 at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Public input
3. Correspondence
4. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 3, 2013
5. Old Business:
 - Artist Update
 - Discussion regarding Request for Proposal (RFP)
6. New Business:
7. Set agenda for next regular meeting – Tuesday, February 4 , 2014
8. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
RIVERVIEW ROOM – GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY
REGULAR MEETING, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3
1, 2013 – 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, December 3, 2013, at 3:15 pm

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

Commissioners Absent: Lea Friesen, Brian Carlson

Leah's resignation was accepted and the City will proceed to advertise and fill this vacancy.

Staff: Amy Dettmer, Michele Palkki

Visitors/Artists: None

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.

Added to Correspondence: Public Utilities Letter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 5, 2013

Motion by Commissioner Driscoll, second by Commissioner Marty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 5, 2013 with changes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Artist Update

Commissioner Dodge reported that marketing has begun to fill the artists' space in February by Grand Rapids Arts. Discussion regarding how the artists will occupy space during regular hours at Central School.

A discussion was held regarding how to utilize the open space in Central School.

Commissioner Driscoll reported that he had brought down some pallets, plywood for making a sign with opening and some dividers. It was also reported that Diamond is working on bringing students to do an art display.

GRACC Culture Plan

The second Draft of the RFP was read through and changes were suggested. City Staff will help put final changes together along with the Commission's suggestions for the next regular meeting January 7, 2014.

New Business

A discussion was held regarding building permits and public art. The letter from Anthony Ward, PUC General Manager was discussed. The Commission decided to write a letter thanking Mr. Ward for his suggestions regarding artists decorating electrical switch boxes and they would consider working on this once the Cultural Plan is received.

Finalize RFP at the January Regular Meeting. Commissioner Marty will work on putting together a list of names to send the RFP.

It was also discussed to invite the members of the Grand Rapids Arts to the January Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki

The next regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts Commission will be Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 3:15 pm at the Grand Rapids Area Library.

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 2nd 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 14th Council Meeting need to be in by Wednesday, January 8th.

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 14th 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 3 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.