

MEETING NOTICE
ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 22, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a special meeting of the Arts & Culture Commission will be held in the Reif Center at the 720 NW Conifer Dr., Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744 on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 8:00 am.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Additions or corrections to the agenda
3. Public input
4. Approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 1
5. Old Business:
 - Meeting with the artists using space at Old Central School
 - Expanded discussion of the artists' space in Old Central School
 - Expanded discussion of the GRACC cultural plan
6. Set agenda for next meeting – November 5
7. Adjourn

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
RIVERVIEW ROOM – GRAND RAPIDS AREA LIBRARY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013 – 3:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof a regular meeting of the Grand Rapids Arts and Culture Commission was held in the Riverview Room at the Grand Rapids Area Library at 140 NE 2nd Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, 2013 at 3:15 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL: On a Call of Roll, the following members were present: Ashley Kolka, Kathy Dodge, Brian Carlson, David Marty, and Karen Walker.

Commissioners Absent: Lea Friesen, Lois Bendix, Todd Driscoll and Carissa Grosland

Staff: Amy Dettmer, Michele Palkki

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.

Commissioner Carlson asked to add under New Business; Public Art

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 20, 2013

Motion by Commissioner Marty, second by commissioner Walker to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2013 special meeting as presented. Commissioner Walker asked to add the following “a future” Council Meeting regarding the memo of understanding. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 18, 2013.

Motion by Commissioner Walker, second by commissioner Kolka to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2013 special meeting as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Old Business

Artist Space – Central School

Commissioner Kolka gave an update regarding the artists to occupy the space in Central School. Commissioner Friesen turned in two names she thought would be good candidates.

- Diamond Knispel – current artist in residence. She has a strong background with at risk children. She is also involved with Northern Community Radio and excellent in engaging those around her.
- Sheena Morrison – she is currently a studio assistant and a student. She works in ceramics and other art.

A discussion was held in regards to the steps needed to proceed with asking the artist(s) to move to Central School. Commissioner Dodge reported that Rob Mattei was meeting with the tenants Wednesday, October 2, 2013 and that Commissioner Friesen and Kolka would be joining in that meeting.

Commissioner Kolka indicated she would not be able to attend that meeting and if someone else on the commission would go in her place. Commissioner Dodge reported that she would be happy to do that. Mr. Mattei will bring the memo of understanding to the City Council, once it is approved by the City Council, the Commission could move forward with filling the vacant space determined by the City.

It was recommended to invite the artist(s) to the upcoming special meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 8:00 am at the Reif Center. At that time there would be discussion with the artists and a recommendation to fill the vacant space in Central School.

GRACC Culture Plan

A discussion was held regarding the Cultural Assessment Work Kit and Developing a Strategic Cultural Plan. Ms. Palkki was asked if hard copies could be made to make it easier to work with, some Commissioners had difficulty opening the documents. Once the copies are available, the commissioners would be asked to come and pick the copies up at City Hall.

After further discussion, Commissioner Marty was asked to contact some clients to submit a proposal to the commission to work on this with them; names will be available at the next meeting on October 22, 2013.

New Business

Public Art – Rochester MN. Commissioner Carlson reported that he had a conversation with Tom Pagel regarding public art - Transformer Project. In the summer of 2012, local Rochester artists took their paintbrushes to city owned transformer boxes in an effort to color downtown. Commissioner Carlson inquired if this could be a possibility here in Grand Rapids and was directed to speak to Tony Ward, Public Utilities Director. Mr. Ward will bring this to the Public Utilities Commission and get back to us as to their response.

2016 the City of Grand Rapids will turn 125 years old. The commission may want to be involved with the planning.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 22 at 8:00 am at the Reif Center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michele Palkki