



Richfield Arts Commission (RAC) Agenda
February 2, 2023, 7 :00 PM to 8:30 PM
Richfield Community Center 7000 Nicollet

Call to Order 7:02pm

- Present: Larry Nelson, Sharon Christensen, Joyce Marie, Aric Bieganek, Amy Markle, Karin Wolverton, Stephanie Jacobson, Janie Mork, Karl Huemiller, Stephanie Kopp

Approval of Agenda

- Agenda approved; all in favor

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved; all in favor

Welcome/intro to new members

- New members: Stephanie Kapp (RAC member), Sharon Christensen (City Council), Karl Huemiller (staff liaison)

Election of Chair(s) and Secretary

- Larry Nelson and Aric Bieganek elected co-chairs (all in favor); Karin Wolverton elected secretary (all in favor)

Chase Bank Sculpture

- Sculpture to be installed in the pocket park at Lyndale and 66th. Amy Markle will follow up via email to see when the installation will take place.

Re cap of December Planter Decoration Project

- Aric and Stephanie J. decorated the planters. Aric volunteered to clean up the planters. RAC discussed potential future planter decorating possibilities.

State Arts Board Equity Input

- The State Arts Board is conducting a survey and is asking the city to help with encouraging participation. The city has done posts on social media to encourage filling out the survey. The survey will close at the end of February. RAC members are encouraged to share the survey as well as participate.

Little Library

- Little library located near the bandshell at veterans park is maintained by RAC. Staff will ensure access to the library is not hampered by parking lot plowing. There are 3 boxes of books at the community center. Staff encouraged members to take books with them to replenish the little library supply.

Community Services Commission Update

- Per Amy Markle, there will be a focus on a new bike skills park at Taft park including a tot trail. Long term plans include a bike fleet and classes. There will be a kick off in July with a ribbon cutting in September. RAC discussed partnering to host a decorate your bike event in conjunction with the ribbon cutting.
- Other projects include a new Woodlake Nature center building, new liner for the Richfield outdoor pool and a new community center.

Proposed 2023 Activities Discussion

Art show for High School Seniors

- Amy Markle will reach out to the high school art teacher to see if there is interest this year for another senior showcase.

RAC Farmers Market Events (3)

- Farmers Market; dates picked are 6/10/23, 7/15/23 and 8/12/23. Karl will check with Bonnie to make sure these will work. In keeping with the theme of encouraging biking and walking RAC will explore hosting a bike decoration event. RAC asked if any Rec. staff could be available to help as in years past. This is TBD.

CrossRoads Panorama event

- Crossroads Panorama will host a gathering/Fundraiser at the bandshell the end of August or early September. The theme is "Reflection of Hope". RAC has supported this event in the past.

PennFest

- The date for Pennfest is 9/17/23. RAC discussed partnering with another commission as in years past

Dogs Take the Stage

- Dogs Take the Stage: there were not enough sign ups to host the 2022 event so it was cancelled. Suggestions were to move the event from the bandshell to the dog park. Parks and Rec has a portable sound system RAC could utilize. Karl will follow up with Wei to explore this possible event.

Electrical Box Wraps

- Utility wraps; RAC has historically helped to pick the artwork for utility wraps. There is 1 budgeted for 2023. Richfield holds a winter photo contest which RAC has also helped to judge in the past and have used the entries to select suitable artwork for the boxes. The first utility wrap at the corner of Lyndale and 65th will be moved and the original artist has been promised another box wrap for her artwork.

Little Library

- RAC will continue to monitor and keep library well stocked with books.

Art Displays- community center, city hall

- Community center is currently hosting Geoff Grudzinski's artwork. There was a January Sun Current article highlighting the artwork and backstory. There is an opening for May/June.

- City hall currently is hosting a J. Kanowski pottery and boat display. Members were encouraged to stop by to see the artwork.
- There will be an advertisement in the summer parks and rec brochure calling for artists to display their artwork.

New ideas

- Richfield authors event; RAC discussed ideas including hosting a meet and greet or a reading event. Possible collaborations with the library and promoting the event via a storybook walk also discussed.
- Poetry walk at Richfield lake is due for new poems to be installed. Karin Wolverton will reach out to Mississippi Valley Poet Society for more information.
- Pizza Luce; original Mpls location typically hangs artwork. Stephanie Jacobsen will reach out to the Richfield location to see if they are open to hosting local artists in a similar vein.
- Roundabouts; Amy Markle will follow up at the next directors meeting to see if there are plans for the remaining two roundabouts on Lyndale. Future plans will need to consider ongoing maintenance costs as the city does not budget for this.

Staff Update

- The summer brochure is done and will be sent out soon.
- White Caps hockey team launched; their 2/18 game will be nationally televised on ESPN+
- New splash pad construction will begin and the anticipated opening will be 2024.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm, Next meeting March 2nd, 2023