

**AGENDA
MAPLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
MANAGER WORKSHOP
6:30 P.M. Monday, February 22, 2016
City Hall, Council Chambers**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Kid City Project Update
- F. ADJOURNMENT**

RULES OF CIVILITY FOR THE CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND OUR COMMUNITY

Following are rules of civility the City of Maplewood expects of everyone appearing at Council Meetings - elected officials, staff and citizens. It is hoped that by following these simple rules, everyone's opinions can be heard and understood in a reasonable manner. We appreciate the fact that when appearing at Council meetings, it is understood that everyone will follow these principles:

Speak only for yourself, not for other council members or citizens - unless specifically tasked by your colleagues to speak for the group or for citizens in the form of a petition.

Show respect during comments and/or discussions, listen actively and do not interrupt or talk amongst each other.

Be respectful of the process, keeping order and decorum. Do not be critical of council members, staff or others in public.

Be respectful of each other's time keeping remarks brief, to the point and non-repetitive.

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Melinda Coleman, City Manager

FROM: DuWayne Konewko, Parks & Recreation Director
Audra Robbins, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: Kid City Project Update

DATE: February 22, 2016

Introduction

Maplewood has partnered with Z Puppets Rosenschnoz, led by Shari Aronson and Chris Griffith who are award-winning Minneapolis multidisciplinary artists specializing in innovative, interactive experiences for families and youth. We have received a \$107,960 grant from The Minnesota State Arts Board for this project, a \$10,000 MRAC Arts Learning Grant, and have applied for additional funding opportunities.

Chris Griffith and Amelia Brown will be present for the discussion and will be delivering a brief presentation to update Council about the Kid City Project.

Background

Kid City, is a youth-driven public art program that mobilizes kid citizens to work in partnership with artists and the City to revitalize Maplewood. *Kid City* responds to risk factors faced by our youth, many of whom are from Maplewood's fastest growing populations (Latino, East African, Hmong, and Karen), receive free and/or reduced lunches, or are at-risk of dropping out of school.

Kid City is working with the entire community to re-imagine Maplewood with the following:

- **Pop-up Laughter Labs** that bridge communities through the universal act of laughter
- **Teen Videographer Program** that gives teens valuable work experience
- **A Kid Council** that uses improvisation and theatre techniques to dream up solutions to the City's challenges

Project Timeline:

February: Continued Outreach Events

March - May: Laugh Labs at Carver and Edgerton Gyms and Maplewood Community Center

May 14: Kid City Celebration at the Maplewood Community Center

June - August: Kid Council Camps

Recommendation

The discussion regarding *Kid City* is informational only and no formal action by the City Council is required.

Attachments

1. Kid City Project Brochure
2. Teen Videographer Flyer



Welcome to Kid City!

Maplewood Parks is teaming up with Z Puppets Rosenschnoz for family-friendly arts fun all Spring and Summer.

To register or find out more info about how to jump into Kid City, please:

- Call the Maplewood Parks Department: (651) 249-2120
- Visit the front desk at the Maplewood Community Center: 2100 White Bear Ave.
- E-mail Kid City Project Manager Amelia Brown: amelia@zpuppets.org

www.zpuppets.org/kidcity

KID CITY ARTIST TEAM



This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



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E1 Attachment

Z PUPPETS
ROSENSCHNOZ

MAPLEWOOD
PARKS & RECREATION
UNIVERSITY PARKS, LEASING, DESIGN & MAINTENANCE

LAUGH LABS



5th Grade

Get Maplewood laughing!
Explore humor from all angles with jokes, improv and clowning around.

Each 6-week workshop is \$15 with many scholarships available!

Carver Elementary School:
Thursdays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
March 10, 17, 31, April 7, 14, 21

Edgerton Elementary School
Fridays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22

Maplewood Community Center:
Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:30 am
March 12, 19, April 2, 9, 16, 23

LAUGH-IN!



May 14 at 4:00 pm at
Maplewood Community Center
FREE!

A Fun-filled grand opening celebration of Maplewood Parks' Laughter Museums.

TEEN VIDEO TEAM



High School

Apply for paid Spring and Summer internships to make mini-documentaries about Kid City.

KID COUNCIL



Jr. High

Brainstorm, improvise and act out solutions to real-life challenges in Maplewood. Then share your creative ideas about the city with the Mayor!

Each 1-week summer workshop is \$15 with many scholarships available. **June 20-24**

1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
July 25 - 29 August 8-12
1:30 - 4:30 pm 1:30 - 4:30 pm

MONKEY MIND PIRATES

presented by



Families

The world's only puppet, rock, yoga adventure comes to Maplewood Community Center.

- 5-day workshop for families living with autism, **August 22-26**
- Sensory friendly performance Saturday, **August 27**.

FREE!

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TEEN VIDEO TEAM

Now accepting applications for paid Spring and Summer video internships for youth ages 14-18. Learn how to make mini-documentaries for Maplewood Parks & Recreation.

No previous experience needed!

Apply by February 26.

Please contact Kid City Project Manager Amelia Brown

Amelia@zpuppets.org

call or text (612) 724-1435 x 5



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