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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:30 PM

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Anthony J. Sansalone; Ren K. LaDassor; T. L. Luke; Anna T. January; Nicholas A. Pjevach and Bethany M. Jurewicz

Excused: 2 - Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo and Angela Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Item referred to July meeting.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Jurewicz, to Approve the April 8, 2025 Minutes. The motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Anthony J. Sansalone; Ren K. LaDassor; T. L. Luke; Anna T. January and Bethany M. Jurewicz

Abstentions: 1 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford

Excused: 2 - Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo and Angela Johnson

Non Voting: 1 - Nicholas A. Pjevach

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 3 taken out of order.

3. [83259](#) Madison Youth Poet Laureate Program

MK Zariel, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Emma brady, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Octavia Ikard, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Zselyke Vinkler-Hannagan, registering in support and wishing to speak.

Steven Espada Dawson, Poet Laureate, registering in support and wishing to speak.

The Youths Poet Laureate applicants each read a selection of their poems to the Commission.

Luke made a motion, seconded by Sansalone to move into closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Possible Closed Session--Arts Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Committee may reconvene in open session immediately following any such closed session.

Alder Martinez-Rutherford made a motion, seconded by Luke to move out of closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, to Approve nominating Octavia Ikard as the next Madison Youth Poet Laureate and MK Zariel as a runner up. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [16466](#) Introduce New Madison Arts Commission Member

Alder Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford and Ren LaDassor introduced themselves to the Commission and current Commissioners introduced themselves as well. No action taken.

4. [81370](#) Madison Public Market Art Plan

Audifax, registering in support and wishing to speak

James Shulkin, registering in support and wishing to speak

The Chair of the Public Art Standing Committee gave a review of the Madison Public Market (MPM) Native Landscape Mural project semi-finalist presentations. The Chair then the Standing Committee's recommendation to commission Landsem and Newago to create the native landscape mural at the MPM.

Luke made a motion, seconded by Jurewicz to approve *Huura Šgaach* Desin C by Nipinet

Landsem and Caitlin Newago, with the condition that the artists update the design so that the teal-blue gradient in the background colors and floral design on the left is applied to the bandolier on the right (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Staff presented Jim Terry's design concepts for the Visual Land Acknowledgement.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Luke, to Approve the proposed design with the condition that the artist combine the greyscale quadrants from version 1 with the green border and full-color center of version 2; use the design where the inverted quadrants face out; and switch the designs in the lower-right and lower-left quadrants for better balance. Additionally, patterns from this design can be used on the nearby glass entryway to compliment the work (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, to Approve renewing Jennifer Bastian's term as the Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence for an additional year. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by January, Seconded by Martinez-Rutherford, to Approve the term of the Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence be changed to two years going forward. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Recess

The Chair called for a five minute recess at 7:45 pm.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Jurewicz to Reconvene at 7:50 pm.

6. [88243](#) Social Practice Art Call

Staff presented the Social Practice Art Call that will work similar to the Existing Art Call.

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve the three submissions, Anne E. Stoner, Dawn Weleski, and Spatula&Barcode, to the Social Practice Arts Call. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [87170](#) Existing Art Call

Staff presented the new submissions to the Existing Art Call.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Luke, to Approve the submissions that scored 6 points or more be added to the Existing Art pre-approved list (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Ayes: 6 - Anthony J. Sansalone; Ren K. LaDassor; T. L. Luke; Nicholas A. Pjevach; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford

Abstentions: 1 - Anna T. January

Excused: 2 - Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo and Angela Johnson

8. [16051](#) Cultural Plan Update

Item referred to a future meeting.

9. [86040](#) 2025 BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Sansalone, to Approve funding Fresco Opera's BLINK proposal for Opera on The Point, and to not fund Elijah Edwards BLINK proposal for Camp Lonestar. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

Staff gave updates and announcements to the Commission. The Darbo-Worthington sculpture by Austen Brantley will be installed soon and the unveiling will be on July 8th at 4:30 pm.

The July MAC meeting was changed to July 28th because of the event. Staff received updated designs for the Metro Transit Percent for Art project.

The Village on Park Parking Structure's mural has been completed.

The Trash and Recycling Art on Trucks pilot will start on May 19th.

Staff closed a survey for the Park Badger Percent for Art project and will work on a proposal based on the survey.

The Monona Art of The Rooftop exhibition is open.

No action taken.

11. [87169](#) 2025 Press and Publicity

Attached. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

January made a motion, seconded by Luke to Adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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