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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, June 27, 2011

5:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-130 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 -

Ald. Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Jose J. Madera; John Nicholas Schweitzer;
Celia A. Klehr; Patricia Elson and Leslee J. Nelson

Excused: 5 -

Monica Groves Batiza; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Briony Jean
Foy and Emily S. Luker

APPROVAL OF March 8, April 12, & May 10, 2011 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Madera, to Approve the March 8,
April 12, & May 10, 2011 Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:**

Excused: 5 -

Groves Batiza; Farley; Sober; Foy and Luker

Ayes: 5 -

Ald. Rhodes-Conway; Madera; Klehr; Elson and Nelson

Abstentions: 1 -

Schweitzer

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Celia Klehr disclosed that she is involved in Forward Theatre.

Jose Madera is in a band that plays at Overture occasionally. He also was on the committee that drafted the Overture performance contract.

Leslee Nelson disclosed that she currently has an art exhibition in Overtures community gallery.

No Commissioners feel they have a conflict of interest on anything related to today's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [22440](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Annual Performance Contract with Overture Center Foundation, Inc. for the 2012 operations of the Overture Center, and providing for a grant from the City

Assistant City Attorney Anne Zellhoefer gave background information explaining that this one year performance contract was established to deal with the transition period between Overture moving from being City operated to being run by a private non-profit. Overture board member Linda Baldwin provided additional information. Susan Crofton, Vice President of Program and Marketing for

Overture answered questions. Jose Madera, who served on the committee, explained that the contract set benchmarks for going forward; essentially explaining what the City will get for their investment. A national search for a new director is underway. Members of the Community Advisory Board have not yet been named by the City, but Baldwin anticipates that they will be appointed by Fall. Ald. Rhodes-Conway shared an email that alders had received from the Barrymore and the Majestic complaining that Overture unfairly competes with them. Baldwin shared Tom Carto's response to that complaint.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Schweitzer, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Approve accepting recommendations from the Public Art Standing Committee to fund the following four BLINK projects at a level determined by Staff: Asylum, Dane Dances, Fresh Lights, Re-surfacing Street Art. Funding is contingent upon artists securing all necessary permissions, successfully completing project, and filing all necessary paperwork. Ald. Rhodes-Conway would like to encourage the Re-surfacing artists to recruit youths who have been cited for graffiti violations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [22394](#) Madison Arts Commission Standing Committee Assignments

A motion was made by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Nelson, to Refer to the MADISON ARTS COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [20545](#) State Street Design Oversight Committee Report to MAC

Madera reported that the big issues right now revolve around the complexity of the area where the City and University intersect, such as State and Lake Streets and the Murray Street pedestrian corridor.

5. [19769](#) Cultural Plan Update

Staff reported that Mary has submitted recommendations to staff for comment via the Mayor's Management Team meeting. Chair Klehr reiterated that MAC wants to review the completed Cultural Plan before it is submitted to Council. Madera expressed concern that MAC has been by-passed throughout this process. Elson interjected that she has been attending all Cultural Plan meetings as a representative of MAC.

6. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

Public art process to select artists for Rotary Plaza is underway. The Selection Committed met twice last week to vet the 92 applications we received. Public art plans for the Northside and Williamson Street are being developed in collaboration with local residents. The group fundraising for conservation of the Statue of Liberty replica in Warner Park has met their first fundraising goal of \$21,000 for repair of the statue and is now working on creating an endowment for ongoing maintenance of the restored piece.

Discussion with Arthur Ross about converting "Madison Underground" from a BLINK project to a permanent project as public art bike rack.

7. [21280](#) 2011 Press & Publicity

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.