



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

5:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-110 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 10 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Briony Jean Foy; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

APPROVAL OF June 12, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Foy, to Approve the June 12, 2012 Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Briony Jean Foy; Thomas J. Farley; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Abstentions: 2 -

Norma M. Sober and Leslee J. Nelson

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

- Nick Schweitzer has a relationship with Madison Savoyards and Fresco Opera Theatre.
- Barb Schrank's husband works for the Madison Symphony and she is on the board of Opera for the Young.
- Leslee Nelson works for UW-Madison.
- José Madera's band occasionally plays at Monona Terrace and he is on the board of the Madison Children's Museum.
- Briony Foy does some work for the Madison Public Library.

None of the commissioners felt they had a conflict of interest that needed recusal.

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Art in Public Places

Madison Public Library Foundation

Trent Miller presented a proposal to commission two artists, Niki Johnson and Heath Matysek-Snyder, to create site-specific cultural installations at the new Madison public library. The artists were selected from over 100 artists who participated in "Bookless" a one-day art event. Five thousand members of the public attended and determined Johnson and Matysek-Snyder works to be the popular favorites. Those selections were vetted by the curatorial and architectural team for the new central library.

Jenny Colin the Executive Director also spoke in support of the application as did Kristin Redman. Ald. Michael Verveer and Susan Lee, the Interim Library Director, each submitted a

letter of support. Briony Foy expressed concern that the process did not involve an open call for artists. Tom Farley commended the library on its model of selection (public art happening involving local artists resulting in the favorite projects being selected for permanent installation) and recommended that they disseminate the idea to other libraries in the system and beyond.

Marquette Neighborhood Association

Scott Thornton, Sharon Kilfoy, and Erika Koivunen presented a proposal to commission Erika Koivunen to create the Williamson Street Gateway-The Lost and Found Tree (working title) for the median on the 600 Block of Williamson Street. Their goal is to install a unique piece of sculpture that welcomes residents and visitors and also functions as a traffic calming element. The piece will be created from welded steel and donated metal objects from residents in the style of the Doc Evermor Birds on Paterson Street. The artist was selected through a rigorous Neighborhood Association process and is a key component of their neighborhood's Public Art Plan.

William Scanlon, David Lohrentz, and Todd Jensen all spoke in support of the application. Ald. Marsha Rummel; Christy Bachmann, City of Madison Principal Engineer; Anya Firszt, Williamson Street Co-Op; and Trish Grant submitted letters of support. Commissioners applauded their thorough process and presentation.

VanChaMasShe Neighborhood Association

Braden Kerwin, Michal Burns, and Kristin Redman presented a proposal to hire nationally-known, local-sculpture Mike Burns to create sculptural elements for the City's pilot bird sanctuary stop-over site. Works include a welded-metal arbor, shallow bowls that will retain rainwater for short periods of time, and an artist-made frame for didactic signage.

Bill Engelman and John Stolzenberg registered in support. Kenneth Raffa submitted a letter of support. Barb Schrank recommended that the group present their proposal to the School Board in addition to getting the consent of MSCR. Some Commissioners questioned public accessibility to this site.

The funding any of these AIPP projects is contingent on the applicants securing all necessary permits and permissions.

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Elson, to Approve funding Arts in Public Places as follows: VanChaMasShe @ \$6,329 for an art installation in their bird sanctuary; Marquette Neighborhood Association @ \$12,658 for their Williamson Street Gateway piece; and the Madison Public Library Foundation @ \$6,013 for two site specific sculptures at the new central library. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [20545](#) State Street Design Oversight Committee Report to MAC
No Report
3. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports
See Attached
4. [25024](#) 2012 Press and Publicity
See Attached

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Elson, to Adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.