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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

5:15 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Kia M. Karlen; Danez J. Smith; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Excused: 3 -

Briony Jean Foy; Christopher A. Taylor and Leslee J. Nelson

APPROVAL OF February 12 and March 12, 2013 MINUTES

Referred to future meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kate Moran and Sara Karon both spoke in support of a grant for Disability Pride.
Jeff Turk spoke in support of a grant for Fresco Opera Theatre.
Gretchen Wheat spoke in support of a grant for Mercury Players.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Schweitzer, Schrank, Brown, and Karlin all recused themselves from evaluating several grants during the review process.

1. [16466](#) Introduce New Madison Arts Commission Member

Danez Smith introduced himself as a staff member of the Office of Multicultural Arts Initiative at the UW-Madison, and as a spoken word performer and poet.

2. [21625](#) MAC Annual Grant Review

A motion was made by Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Schrank, to Approve the Grant Funding Recommendations as presented except that number 34 Music Theatre of Madison should receive an award of \$500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [18179](#) Review of the Grant Review Process

Chair Madera asked for discussion of the grant review process.

- Commissioners feel we need to do a better job of defining free and accessible.
- What does free mean - 1 ticket or a whole performance?
- Should we offer starter grants, innovation grants, longevity grants, educational grants?
- We should include pre-k in ArtWorks category
- Require applicants to submit double-sided copies
- We need to digitize our grant system

- Commissioners would like grants to be pre-screened for disqualifying errors
- We could consider spreading different categories out over the year
- We should create a new program to bring art to those neighborhoods that have NRTs
- We need to expand check boxes so that applicants can better proof their own applications
- Clarify the in-kind match (reference to the definition of in-kind has a page number error)
- Applicants had access to two slightly different application forms
- We need to either distinguish between the types of grants better or not distinguish at all
- We need to distinguish better between the types of applicants or not (a certain % go to small orgs or individuals and a certain % go to larger institutions)

4. [22394](#) Madison Arts Commission Standing Committee Assignments

Commission members reviewed committee assignments and selected which committees they would like to participate in over the next year.

5. [22393](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Madison Arts Commission

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Rhodes-Conway, to Elect Leslee Nelson as Chair and Barb Schrank as Vice Chair. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [20545](#) State Street Design Oversight Committee Report to MAC

Patty Elson presented the project design schedule for the 700 and 800 Block of State Street and Library Mall (April 2013-March 2014). Jill Sebastian is the public artist working with Landscape Designer Ken Saiki on the design team.

7. [29079](#) 2013 Press and Publicity

8. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

Thanks were given to outgoing Chair Madera and Members Schweitzer and Alder Rhodes-Conway. A celebration of their service will take place at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Rhodes-Conway, to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.