



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

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

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Tuesday, April 13, 2021

5:30 PM

via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Sheri Carter; Kia M. Karlen; Lance M. Owens; Ginger A. Contreras; Katie H. Ryan; Anna T. January; Yvette M. Pino; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Taeli S. T. Reistad

**Excused:** 1 - Faisal Abdu'Allah

### APPROVAL OF March 3, 2021 MINUTES

**A motion was made by January, seconded by Pino, to Approve the March 3, 2021 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Natalia Hildner & Ricardo Morales spoke in support of their project. Max Puchalsky was available to answer questions on his project.

Amy Zarembra, Dane Arts Mural Arts, was available to answer question on their proposal.

Borealis spoke in favor of changing MAC Grant applications so that they do not require applicants to include their legal names. They also requested that MAC pay trans, non-binary, Two Spirit, and gender non-conforming artists in this grant cycle. Third, MAC and all friends of MAC who are listening should be proactive in cultivating at least one major annual prize juried by a multicultural panel of trans and non-binary artists

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

2. [23110](#) Endorsing Community Projects

Bethany Jurewicz gave a brief overview of the storm drains and pavement mural. Staff asked commissioners if, in the future, they wanted to review proposed storm drain designs.

Commissioners clarified that even if MAC doesn't need to approve them, they should at least be aware of plans for storm drain paintings and should look at them.

Staff presented the MMoCA sculpture proposal they wish to place in the right of way and images of the Flagholder Art being considered by the City (proposals attached in Legistar).

**A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by January, to Endorse all proposals. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

3. [21625](#)

MAC Annual Grant Review

Staff gave a brief summary of recommendations for Grant funding.

A brief discussion was held on how MAC Grant Guidelines and Application could be updated to provide better inclusionary language. Headway has been made but more accessible outreach is still needed. Commissioners requested that Finance and/or City Attorney staff be invited to discuss possibilities at a future meeting.

It was also suggested that MAC update the guidelines to require grantees to pay artists or expressly acknowledge that they are NOT paying artists and then make a persuasive argument that artists are willingly volunteering.

**A motion was made by Contreras, seconded by Ryan, to Approve the proposed Art Grant recommendations. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4. [57899](#)

Percent for Art Report

The RFQ for Metro Transit has been released. The deadline is May 7, 2021. First round of applicants will be reviewed at the May 11 MAC meeting.

5. [32517](#)

Honors Event

The next honors event will be in 2022. Consider a special award for those that excelled during COVID.

6. [62380](#)

Arts and Culture Economic Recovery

Public Health is working on a Reopening Guide.

Work is being done to possibly add a music component to Streatery. The focus would be on supporting artists, not necessarily the business. The proposal will likely come before MAC at the next meeting. Bethany and Kia will help work on this process.

7. [39932](#)

Public Art Conservation

Staff reported that the RFP for the Annie Stewart fountain should go out within the week. Other projects to be looked at soon are the Effigy Tree, Badger, Liberty, and the fountains on the Square. The signage for the Mildred Harnack sculpture is going in shortly.

8. [61203](#)

Friends of the Madison Arts Commission

The Friends of MAC have currently raised \$5,000 to support Artist's works from State Street to be put on utility boxes. They are working on raising more.

9. [11212](#)

Establishing Accession and Deaccession Procedures

Staff reported that an outline establishing procedures has been started. Katie Ryan is working with staff to look at the City's current collection and draft policies.

10. [22393](#)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair to the Madison Arts Commission

Due to an upcoming change in membership, it was suggested that the election of Chair and Vice Chair be postponed until the July meeting.

- 11. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports
- 12. [63647](#) 2021 Press and Publicity  
See Attached

#### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Pino, to Adjourn at 7:33 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**