



# 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, June 11, 2024

5:30 PM

Virtual

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The City of Madison is holding the Madison Arts Commission meeting virtually.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Debra Alleyne, City of Madison Parks Alive staff

**Present:** 7 - Marsha A. Rummel; Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo; T. L. Luke; Nicholas A. Pjevach; Prenicia E. Clifton; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Mitchell F. Branscombe

**Excused:** 1 - Anna T. January

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rummel, seconded by Luke, to Approve the May 14, 2024 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

*Steven Dawson, 2025 Madison Poet Laureate, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 6.*  
*Sofia Snow, Director of OMAI, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 6.*  
*Justin Festge-Russell, Poet Laureate applicant, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 6.*  
*Usin, Poet Laureate applicant, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 6.*  
*Crystal Huang, Poet Laureate applicant, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 6.*  
*Debra Alleyne, Parks Alive Coordinator, registered in support wishing to speak to Item 4.*

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

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

Introduction of the new MAC member, Papa-Kobina Brewoo. No action taken.

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

The Youth Poet Laureate applicants read poems.

**Rummel made a Motion, Seconded by Jurewicz, to move into closed session to determine the 2024 Youth Poet Laureate.**

The Madison 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

Sofia Snow, Director of OMAI, presented youth poetry partnering opportunities with the UW-Madison Office of Multicultural Arts initiatives. The Commission discussed potentially partnering with OMAI for the 2025 Brave New Voices.

**A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Clifton, to Approve the three applicants Justin Festge-Russell, Usin, and Crystal Huang, as Finalists; Justin Festge-Russel as the next Madison Youth Poet Laureate, and Crystal Huang as the runner up. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

Item 6 was taken out of order.

6. [23110](#) Endorsing Community Projects

Debra Alleyne, Parks Alive Coordinator, gave an overview of the 2024 Parks Alive! programming and the additional funding Parks Alive! received from the Evjue Foundation to fund additional Arts programming.

**A motion was made by Luke, seconded by Branscombe, to Approve endorsing Parks Alive and the use of Evjue Foundation funding to pay for additional arts programming. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4. [83802](#) Atwood Bike Path Medallions

**A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Rummel, to Approve to use the Municipal Arts Fund to purchase four (4) additional Atwood Bike Path Medallions. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

5. [43357](#) Utility Box Art

Staff reviewed the 2024 Utility Box proposal (attached).

**A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Luke, to Approve staff using art from artists in Madison's Sister Cities to wrap utility boxes and direct the public to information about the Sister City program. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

7.     [21279](#)           MAC Administrative Reports

No action taken.

8.     [81371](#)           2024 Press and Publicity

None.

### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Branscombe, seconded by Luke, to Adjourn at 7:27 PM. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**