

February 2010 Administrative Report

MAC highlights since February 9, 2009:

February 10, 2010 – Meeting at public library to discuss the **Aaron Bohrod Mural. Connie Kilmark facilitated the meeting.** There was a strong public interest in seeing the mural preserved in the new space in some fashion.

Feb 11, 2010 - **Met with DMI to continue discussions inclusion of art in the Downtown Plan.**

The three takeaways from the discussion with DMI were:

- 1) Designate an arts and culture district encompassing downtown and UW venues. For the purpose of marketing and growth
- 2) Identify potential locations for public art that is permanent, temporary, and one-time event based
- 3) Identify potential public performance spaces for permanent, temporary, and one-time event based

-Met with Scott Henig the new Director of the Northside Planning Council to hear about their interest in seeing a coordinated effort to place more public art in and around the Northside for the purposes of beautification and branding.

Feb 13, 2010 - Attended **Craftacular** at High Noon Saloon to share information about the Cultural Plan with Madison DIY artists.

Feb 15, 2010 - **Attended the Madison Cultural Event Planners Group (MCEPG)** to hear the Bolz Center Candidates presentation of "**Arts, Access and the Bridges in Between.**"

Feb 16, 2010-Met with **Tag Evers of True Endeavors, a local music producer,** to identify key issues of concern for the Cultural Plan.

-Met with City Engineering, Parks Department, & CDBG to talk about finding funding for **Public art on the Northside.**

Feb 17, 2010 - Met with the **Madison Opera,** identified their key issues of concern for the Cultural Plan.

Feb 24, 2010 - Attended **community meeting about restoration of Statue of Liberty in Warner Park.**

Feb 25, 2010 -Met with **Tony Rajer** and staff from the Madison Public Library. Tony is the 3rd and final conservator who we asked to come in and advise us about the **future of the Aaron Bohrod mural.**

-Spoke at the City Clerk Staff meeting about the Madison Arts Commission and the Cultural Plan.

-afternoon open hours for grant-writing help.

Feb 26, 2010—morning open hours for grant-writing help.

-DMI Arts Group **UW Madison Arts Campus Master Plan** – UW Madison presented information about their plans to build new arts facilities on campus (Russell Panczenko discussed the Chazen's expansion and Alan Fish discussed the proposed UW Performing Arts facilities on the East Campus Mall.) Patty Elson also attended.

March 2, 2010 – Attended the State meeting of the Task Force for Creativity in Education

March 3-8, 2010 – Administrator attended Armory Art Week in NYC. Two Madison artists were in shows there. Melissa Cooke (currently funded through BLINK) was in the Pulse Art Fair, and Nina Bednarski (ArtSpace artist) was in the Fountain Art Fair.

Central Park Update: The engineering team that was hired by the City to develop Central Park is negotiating a contract with world well known eco-artist Lorna Jordan to consult with them on the project. The City will apply for funding from the NEA for additional public art for the project.

Zoning Code Update: City staff members are putting together a series of memos that include all the recommendations they have received from various City committees and commissions. The Plan Commission will review those recommendations in early April. Public hearings will occur after the Plan commission gets through their review.

Cultural Plan Update: Webpages are up on our site. Surveys, focus groups, roundtable and individual interviews are underway. Data collection will proceed through April.

Lisa Link Peace Park Update: Artist Jill Sebastian has completed working on text to be included on the philosophers stones forms for LLPP and will meet with commissions and stakeholders to get final approval before fabrication.

De-installation of African American History Month exhibition and **Installation** of photographs of Miriam Hall and Cory Schultz in the Madison Municipal Building. November 12, 2009

Coming Soon:

MAC Annual Grant Deadline March 15, 2010 4:30pm

Next Cultural Plan Steering Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 11, 2010 5:30 PM Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St. Rear Lecture Room #204

Wisconsin Arts Board Re-granting Application Deadline: Friday, March 12.

NEA Mayor's Design Grant Letter of Intent Deadline: March 15.

April 1, 2010 BLINK Again screening on Thursday, April 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Just Coffee warehouse, 1129 E Wilson St. in Madison.

Grant Review Nights:

Tuesday, April 13, 2010 5:00pm, Room LL 110

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 5:00pm, Room LL 110

Thursday, April 15, 2010 5:00pm, Room LL 110

ALL MEMBERS

Monday, April 19, 2010 5:00 pm, Room LL 110