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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Thursday, August 22, 2019

5:30 PM

215 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Room 013 (Madison Municipal Building)

Anna January and Taeli Turner participated via phone

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 8 - Sheri Carter; Kia M. Karlen; Ginger A. Contreras; Katie H. Ryan; Anna T. January; Francesca H. Rodriguez; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Taeli S. T. Reistad
- Excused:** 2 - Faisal Abdu'Allah and Yvette M. Pino

APPROVAL OF July 9, 2019 MINUTES

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Karlen, to Approve the July 9, 2019 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Yorel Lashley attended to express his appreciation for having had the opportunity to positively influence his community through his service on MAC. He explained that work and family obligations make it too difficult to attend meetings regularly so he chose to resign. He is willing to continue to consult as needed.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Ginger recused herself from the discussion of Science to Street Art

- 1. [56838](#)** Adopting the Mifflandia Neighborhood Plan as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan and the Downtown Plan and directing staff to implement the recommendations contained in the plan.

Commissioners only endorsed the Culture and Character Section, as they felt they do not know enough about the other areas of the Plan to make recommendation of the whole.

A motion was made by Rodriguez, seconded by Contreras, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the PLAN COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
- 2. [56846](#)** Amending the 2019 Adopted Operating Budget for the Planning Division - Neighborhood Planning and Preservation to accept \$11,000 from the Madison Community Foundation for the Thurber Park Artist Residency.

Note: Legislative No. 56846 was not formally referred to the Madison Arts Committee by the Common Council.

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Rodriguez, to Recommend Approval. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [56868](#) Seeking Common Council approval of a \$25,000 Matching Grant award to Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System on behalf of Wisconsin Institute for Discovery's Science to Street Art as recommended by the Madison Arts Commission.

Commissioners would like the contract to expressly state that all City funding go to direct project expenses and not to UW overhead and indirect costs.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Carter, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [56886](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to amend a contract between the City of Madison and Raymond Chi for design, fabrication and installation of a site-specific public art feature for Pennsylvania Park.

A motion was made by Contreras, seconded by Ryan, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [56891](#) Accepting noncash charitable contributions from Kohler Company for the Thurber Park Artist Residency.

A motion was made by Rodriquez, seconded by Jurewicz, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [56912](#) Accepting City Ownership of Artwork in the newly renovated Madison Municipal Building and affirming the value of including art in the design of capital projects.

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Rodriquez, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

Madison Arts Commission Selection Panel Process Thurber Park Artist-In-Residence

1. Timeline
 - a. Applications shall be posted to the website and media release approximately 7 months prior to the date of occupancy.
 - b. The application period will be at least 4 weeks in duration. Selection will take place over two MAC meetings. Final decisions need to go to Council for final approval (allow 45 days)
2. Initial Meeting - sorting and 1st round artist determination
 - a. Staff will send a link to all applications at least 1 week prior to MAC meeting
 - b. MAC will review artist submission and assess the submissions against the established evaluation criterion using the guidelines - they will submit scores of 1 point (lowest) to 5 points (highest) to City staff at least 24 hours prior to the posted meeting where submissions will be discussed and reviewed
 - c. Staff will compile MAC's scores and present those unattributed scores to MAC members at their selection meeting

- d. The Chair of the Public Art Committee of MAC will run the process.
 - e. In the event of a tie in scoring, there will be a rescore to further refine the top 3 to 5 finalists.
 - f. The Chair of the Public Art Committee of MAC will collect scores and announce who the top five candidates are. MAC members will decide how many candidates to advance to the next round.
 - g. Staff will check references on the selected candidates prior to the next meeting and compile comments for MAC
3. Second Meeting - final round artist determination
- a. MPL staff will review the 3 to 5 finalist artist submissions and assess the submissions against the established evaluation criteria using the guidelines and submit a staff recommendation of their top three selections and a rationale for each.
 - b. MAC Staff will present compiled notes from reference checks
 - c. Finalist candidates will present artist talks for 10 minutes each with 10 minutes of questions (schedule in 30-minute intervals to allow for transitions). Candidates will be invited to present a brief artist talk that offers the community a taste of their philosophy and approach to public art making art and public art. Though the presentations are open to the public, some artists feel uncomfortable presenting in front of artists who are competing for the same project. As a courtesy to their fellow artists, candidates should consider leaving the room during other artist talks.
 - d. MAC will select a finalist and a 1st and 2nd alternate

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Jurewicz, to Approve using the discussed selection process next year. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Rodriquez, seconded by Contreras, to Approve funding the Special BLINK Project by Luisa Fernanda Garcia-Gomez for the empty storefront at 111 South Livingston Street at \$1,500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [27987](#) Art Space Exhibition Proposal

The Public Art Committee should bring the MMB proposal to the October 3 MAC meeting.

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Carter, to Approve placing environmentally themed Art in the Madison Municipal Building's Art Space in 2020. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

- Phoenix from the Ashes Exhibition opens Friday, September 6, 6-8 p.m. at Overture.
- Harry Whitehorse's Badger will be dedicated at 2 p.m. on Friday, September 13 in the area between Monroe Street/Regent Street/ and Breese Terrace.

11. [54075](#) 2019 Press and Publicity

Attached

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Rodriquez, seconded by January, to Adjourn at 6:49 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.