



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, February 12, 2013

5:15 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Briony Jean Foy; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

**Excused:** 2 -

Kia M. Karlen and Leslee J. Nelson

Schrank was present by phone

### APPROVAL OF December 11, 2012 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Rhodes-Conway, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Taylor was present to observe. He is likely to be appointed at the end of February.

Erika Monroe-Kane and Ellen Carlson spoke in support of their Blink project.

Greg Romashko spoke in favor of creating a Madison Artist Market. Mr. Romashko is a former Blink grant recipient who created a night market for one night at the top of State Street several years ago. He would like MAC to discuss the possibility of starting a night market at a future meeting. He believes the night market idea treats artists as the entrepreneurs and small businesses that they are.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Briony Foy disclosed that she is associated with the River Arts Center where one of the Blink applicants was a director.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. [29080](#) Centro Hispano proposed cultural facility

Kent Craig from Centro Hispano presented an update on conversion of Centro Hispano into even more of a cultural center. Centro has always looked for ways to integrate art into what they do. They currently run an 18,000 square foot facility. Sharon Kilfoy has worked with youth there for years to create lively murals on the interior and exterior space (MAC has partially funded many of the murals). Centro has fostered relationships with many arts non-profit partners. For example, they serve as the main site for Madison Music Makers. They have a very successful drumming workshop program that is offered as a Spanish language percussion class through UW Madison Continuing Education. Ballet Focklorico Mexico and

others use their facilities as well. Their main cultural Event is Fiesta Hispana (which uses their large parking lot by police station).

Future plans for Centro Hispano include developing their 4500 square foot warehouse into a community space. They would like to convert that area into programmable space and put in a permanent stage. This would allow cultural events (such as a Three Kings Festival and Community Open Mic nights) and could be rented by community members to hold special events (such as quinceaneras, weddings, memorials). Strang architects has already drafted a plan for the space. Centro Hispano is still thinking through the issue of parking, which is the main feasibility issue in executing the space conversion. The warehouse space is leased through the end of this year. Their ideal timeline would be to get planning done in 2013 and begin building and programming for 2014.

MAC members asked to be kept informed of the scheduling. The Arts Administrator asked Mr. Craig to share information about MAC's grant resources to all of their resident companies.

2. [28976](#)

Approving the design and authorizing artist Aaron Stephan to proceed in fabrication and installation of a site specific public art feature at the corner of North Pinckney Street and the Capitol Square (aka Rotary Plaza).

For future meeting when the artist can provide more information

**A motion was made by Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Elson, to Table. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

3. [21297](#)

BLINK Proposal Review

**The full commission reviewed and rated all Blink temporary project proposals. They agreed to fully fund the top three scoring projects.**

The Little Gallery Project: 77.14

Wish Wheel: 74.57

Where Are You Going? 70.42

The Chance Dance Festival: 66.14

Art on the Side Show: 53.57

Ad Hoc Art 59.14

**A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Schrank, to Approve \$1500 in funding for Erika Monre Kane and Ellen Carlson's "Where Are You Going" proposal, \$1500.00 in funding for Rachel Bruya and Jeremy Wineberg's "The Little Gallery Proposal," and \$1000.00 in funding for Cheryl Dewelt's "Wish Wheel" project. MAC funding is contingent on the artist securing all necessary permits and permissions. The motion passed by voice vote/other. February 2013 BLINK funding applications (see attached pdf)**

4. [18179](#)

Review of the Grant Review Process

Commissioners agreed to move their regular April Meeting on the 9 to April 10 so that they could have three night's of grant application review prior to their regular meeting where they will review the scores and determine appropriate funding levels to advance to the Common Council.

Commissioners also agreed to strongly encourage applicants to look at creating arts projects for sites off of the Isthmus and UW campus and encourage applicants to create projects in neighborhoods that have Neighborhood Resource Teams assigned to them.

Briony Foy would like to revisit the score sheet.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 5.     [20545](#)           State Street Design Oversight Committee Report to MAC  
          No Report
  
- 6.     [21279](#)           MAC Administrative Reports  
          No Report
  
- 7.     [29079](#)           2013 Press and Publicity  
          See Attached

**ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting was Adjourned.**