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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?*

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

5:30 PM

via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Carter arrived at 5:49 p.m.

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 July 7, 2020 MINUTES

A motion was made by Pino, seconded by Ryan, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

- Staff read a comment from Patrick Nichols regarding the State Street murals: Dear Arts Commission, Imagine walking, in downtown, with my family, which has law enforcement members, and seeing the obscene painting of a bloated, horrible depiction of a police officer. Whose idea was that? This leads to violence. Please consider removing it. Thank you for your considering. Patrick
- Anwar Floyd-Pruitt in support of his BLINK project
- Meri Rose Ekberg, in support of her AIPP proposal
- Geraldine Paredes Vasquez in support of the YWCA's AIPP proposal

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

- Rodriguez disclosed that her husband is the treasurer of Just Dane, which is connected to Meri Rose Ekberg's AIPPLF Proposal.
- Reistad recused herself from review of Overture Contract as Overture is her employer.

2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Contreras, to Approve Anwar Floyd-Pruitt's "We Are Wisconsin" at \$1,500. The project will be part of the WormFarm Institute's 2020 Farm/Art D'Tour. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [27011](#) Art in Public Places
- January shared the PBS interactive map of State Street murals with commissioners
- A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Contreras, to Approve \$5,000 to YWCA's Black Thought Wall contingent on their ability to secure a public facing location, provide MAC with information about artists involved, and provide a plan that assures they will provide on-going maintenance and eventual removal. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
- A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by January, to Approve Meri Rose Ekberg's website for an incarcerated artist at \$1500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
4. [39930](#) Madison Music City Initiatives
- Angela Puetra presented information about the Madison Music City town hall meeting and an NEA grant the City is applying for that would enable us to work with consultant, Sound Diplomacy, to build a plan for the music industry's COVID recovery and resilience.
5. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence
- Staff will develop call for next residence for review at the September MAC meeting.
6. [61203](#) Friends of the Madison Arts Commission
- FoMAC is starting an adopt-a-utility box program in which for \$1,500 individuals can fund a box in their neighborhood and part of that fee will go towards the purchase of a box in a low-income neighborhood.
7. [32522](#) Review Overture Contract
- Staff asked for guidance in what to ask from Overture in advance of contract and structural agreement negotiation.
9. [59065](#) 2020 Press and Publicity
- Attached
8. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Carter, seconded by January, to Adjourn at 7:45 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.