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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

5:15 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Ald. Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Jose J. Madera; John Nicholas Schweitzer;
Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson and
Emily S. Luker

Excused: 2 -

Norma M. Sober and Briony Jean Foy

Also present through discussion of Bus Lines - Poet Laureate Fabu

Satya left at 5:50 p.m. during the Signature Grant Review.

APPROVAL OF August 31, and September 27, 2011 MINUTES

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Approve the Minutes of August 31 and September 27, 2011. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Sprenglemeyer spoke in support of his Blink proposal. He is committed to it being safe and sturdy.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Celia Klehr - Forward Theater

Nick S. - theater no conflict

Satya Rhodes Conway - will recuse herself from the Jim Carrier application

Leslee Nelson - one of the MATC teachers is a person that Leslee Nelson hired, she will recuse herself

1. [24063](#) Establishing a Northport-Warner Park-Sherman Neighborhood Public Art Ad Hoc Selection Committee

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

2. [24233](#) Adopting the Madison Cultural Plan

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Re-refer to the MADISON ARTS COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [08046](#)

Poet Laureate program

Fabu presented the nominations and emphasized strengths of the applications. Emily asked questions of the co-applicants.

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Ald. Rhodes-Conway, to Re-refer to the MADISON ARTS COMMISSION. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [09710](#)

Poetry on Madison Metro Transit Busses Project

Fabu discussed the programs growth and announced that we had chose the winners. Unfortunately, Metro Transit won't be able to pay the prining costs this year. Steve Goldberg from CUNA offered to contribute \$500. Rhodes-Conway will work with staff to resolve the problem.

5. [24291](#)

Wisconsin Book Festival

Nicholas Schweitzer reported on the event at Overture.

6. [24290](#)

Signature Grant Review

Signature Grant applications were reviewed beginning with Jim Carrier's proposal to create a documentary film entitled, "The Liberian and the Banjo"; followed by a proposal by Sharon Kilfoy to create a mural entitled "Aquí Estamos! The Hispanic World Arrives in Madison"; followed by R. David Shaul et al to create a collaborative mural installation; followed by discussion of the Italian Workmens' Club proposal for their 100th Anniversary Celebration; followed by Opera for the Young proposal to commission "Cinderella" ending up with TAPIT/New Works to prepare and produce a new play "In the Care Of."

The applications were reviewed and discussed, work samples were considered, and individual score sheets were completed by the commissioners. Satya Rhodes-Conway recused herself from the discussion of Jim Carrier's application, Celia Klehr recused herself from the Discussion of TapIt/New Works, Leslee Nelson recused herself from the discussion of R. David Shaul et al's application, Celia Klehr recused herself from the Discussion of TapIt/New Works. Commissioners who recused themselves left the room before the start of discussion and did not vote on that applicant's proposal. They were called back into the meeting after all others had scored their votes. At the end of the review, all scores were tallied, Jim Carrier had the highest average score.

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Madera, to Approve Jim Carrier as the recipient of the 2011 Signature Grant for "The Librarian and the Banjo." The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [21297](#)

BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Madera, seconded by Schweitzer, to Approve the recommendations of the Public Art Standing Committee to fund Tim Sprengelmeyer, Earth Turtle for \$750; Ryan Lawless, Intervention - Building at 710 University for \$750; and Tim Browning, Plane and Penquins on Lake Monona for \$500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [09698](#)

Madison Children's Museum Construction & Public Art Update

Patty Elson presented a report.

9. [20271](#) 2011 ARTspace Exhibitions
- Nelson reported that one of Juliette Crane's paintings was stolen from the current exhibition. The artist claims a value of \$350, which does not meet the deductible. Commissioners expressed sympathy, but agree that nothing can be done. Staff reported the incident to police and will extend their dismay over the unfortunate situation.
- A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Madera, to Approve Leslee Nelson's proposal to allow "Cornicopia" a group exhibition in November/December; Minority Affairs Committee and Women's Issues Committee the January/February spot; and reissue a call for artists with a December 1 deadline to attract more applicants. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**
10. [24292](#) Wisconsin Arts Board
- Leslee Nelson attended the Wisconsin Arts Board Conference Call and reported that we will experience a 35% cut in our regrating fund. We will probably get \$10,000 to regrant instead of the \$15,000 we have received in previous years. This will start in Fiscal Year 2012. Nelson also passed on an idea from another city's art council where they got a hospital to set up fitness runs between the public art sculptures in town.
11. [20545](#) State Street Design Oversight Committee Report to MAC
- Madera reported that two benches have been removed from the 500 block of State Street.
12. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports
13. [21280](#) 2011 Press & Publicity

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Madera, seconded by Elson, to Adjourn at 7:25 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.