



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, April 8, 2008

5:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 11 -

Tim Gruber; Michael K. Bridgeman; Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley;  
Norma M. Sober; Karen McLaughlin; Patty Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J.  
Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 26, 2008: <http://legistar.cityofmadison.com/calendar/#current>

A motion was made by Kilmark, seconded by Sober, to Approve the Minutes as amended. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Forster Rothbart, the Madison photographer who created photos in partnership with the Friends of Chernobyl, spoke in favor of grant funding for their upcoming exhibition. ID#09707

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [09868](#) Reconsideration of Chele Isaac's February 2008 BLINK Application

A motion was made by McLaughlin, seconded by Kilmark, to Approve \$1500.00 in funding for Chele Isaac's BLINK grant, "Bluethrough." Commissioners McLaughlin and Schweitzer would like to communicate to the artist that, in order to increase access to the work, MAC would also like to see the piece placed elsewhere in Madison after it is deinstalled from the Humanities Building location. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 9 -

Tim Gruber; Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Karen McLaughlin; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer

**Noes:** 2 -

Patty Elson and Michael K. Bridgeman

2.     [09707](#)           2008 MAC Grant Panel Review

Klehr made a motion to approve MAC annual grant recommendations. Gruber seconded. (See chart attached to legislative file 09707.) No action taken.

A motion was made by McLaughlin, seconded by Nelson, to reduce funding for Madison Repertory Theatre's production of "The Greeks" by \$1000.00. Roll Call Vote followed: Sober abstained; Nelson and McLaughlin voted aye; Bridgeman, Klehr, Kilmark, Schweitzer, Farley, Elson, Gruber, Madera voted no. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Gruber, seconded by Klehr, to change funding in the ARTworks category to \$2200.00 to MMoCA and \$1500 to East Madison Community Center. All approved.

A motion was made by Farley, seconded by Klehr to fund Tom Linfield's grant at \$2000.00, the Friends of Chernobyl Centers at \$500, the Senior Center at \$500, and Madison Creative Arts Program at \$500. All approved.

A motion was made by Klehr, seconded by Gruber, to Approve the final MAC grant recommendations as amended. The motion passed by voice vote/other. (For the final list, see Resolution # 10032)

Commissioners would like to call a meeting of the Grants sub-committee to reconsider policies related to the annual grant program. Tom Farley is chair of the Grants Sub-committee and will work with staff to call a meeting of that committee in the coming weeks.

## REPORTS

3.     [10514](#)           Cultural Plan

Norma Sober reported that Patty Elson, Karin Wolf, and herself will meet with George Tzougrou, the director of the Wisconsin Arts Board and Anne Katz, of Arts Wisconsin to discuss regional cultural planning.

## Roll Call

Tim Gruber and Tom Farley left at 6:25 PM. Chair Bridgeman called for a five minute recess.

**Present:** 9 -

Michael K. Bridgeman; Celia A. Klehr; Norma M. Sober; Karen McLaughlin; Patty Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer

**Excused:** 2 -

Tim Gruber and Thomas J. Farley

4. [09710](#) Poetry on Madison Metro Transit Busses Project

Staff reported that "Bus Lines" application and guidelines are posted on the website and publicity for the program has begun. Commissioner Klehr would like to see MAC continue to make use of Adams Indoor Advertising's use of the interior bus placard space and expand the opportunity to other ages and literary forms such as 6-word biographies.

5. [08044](#) Frances Plaza Public Art

Commissioner Nelson commended MAC staff for doing an outstanding job with publicity and visibility for the Frances Plaza project.

6. [09159](#) Press and Publicity about MAC 2008

Staff discussed recent media attention to MAC programs.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sober, seconded by McLaughlin, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.