



City of Madison

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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?*

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Madison Arts Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to MadisonArtsCommission@cityofmadison.com

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

3. **Watch the Meeting:** If you would like to join the meeting as an observer, please visit <https://www.cityofmadison.com/watchmeetings>.

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(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 854 1195 5564

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Marsha A. Rummel; Annik N. Dupaty; Fabu P. Carter; Rae C. Senarighi; Anna T. January; Nicholas A. Pjevach; Prenicia E. Clifton and Mitchell F. Branscombe

Excused: 1 - Bethany M. Jurewicz

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

- Ash Armenta gave a report on their residency at Thurber Park.
- Angie Trudell Vasquez spoke in support of the Youth Poet Laureate Program.
- Sai Snigdha Denduluri-Youth Poet Laureate applicant.
- Alexandria Thalasinis-Youth Poet Laureate applicant.
- Claire Bunders-Youth Poet Laureate applicant.
- Maliha Nu'Man-Youth Poet Laureate applicant.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Prenicia Clifton disclosed she knows the Youth Poet Laureate applicants from past youth activities.

2. [16466](#) Introduce New Madison Arts Commission Member

Alder Marsha Rummel and Commissioners gave a brief introduction to one another.

3. [08046](#) Poet Laureate Program

Angie Trudell Vasquez introduced the Youth Poet Laureate applicants. Each applicant read a poem.

Arts Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Committee may reconvene in open session immediately following any such closed session

A motion was made by January, seconded by Clifton, to Approve moving into a closed session to discuss the nomination of the 2023 Youth Poet Laureate. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [77600](#) SUBSTITUTE-Naming Maliha Nu'Man (~~Name TBD~~) as Madison's next Youth Poet Laureate.

A motion was made by January, seconded by Senarighi, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER the nomination of Maliha Nu'Man as Madison's 2023 Youth Poet Laureate, Sai Snigdha Denduluri as runner up, and Claire Bunders as second runner up. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [55290](#) Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

Discussion of renewing Blooming Grove lease.

A motion was made by Senarighi, seconded by Rummel, to Approve renewing the lease for the Thurber Park Trachte building with town of Blooming Grove through 2027 at which time the park will become part of the City. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Discussion of extending the current Thurber Park Artist-in-Resident, Ash Armenta's term length.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Dupaty, to Approve extending Ash Armenta's Thurber Park Artist-in-Resident term length for an additional year.

Discussion of Thurber Park Residency term length and the activities of the artist-in-resident.

A motion was made by Clifton, seconded by Senarighi, to Approve that the Thurber Residency be 1-3 years in length and include review the resident artist's work at 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [75626](#) Black Women Artists Speak Follow-up

Update on plans for the Black Women Artists Speak Follow-up.

7. [16650](#) MAC Meeting Dates & Locations

City staff notified MAC that their September and October meeting will need to be moved to new dates. New proposed dates are August 30 or September 18 and November 9.

8. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

Staff reported on finalizing Bus lines call and press release. Staff provided Commission with Thurber Part Artist-in-Resident events.

9. [75295](#) 2023 Press and Publicity

Attached in Legistar.

ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Senarighi, seconded by Clifton, to Adjourn at 7:50 PM.
The motion passed by voice vote/other.**