



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, February 9, 2016

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 9 - Sheri Carter; Briony Jean Foy; Kia M. Karlen; Ginger A. Contreras; Richard P. Tvedt; Cedric A. Johnson; Yvette M. Pino; Barbara M. Schrank and Jenie L. Gao
- Excused:** 2 - Yorel F. Lashley and Sarah Sosa-Acevedo

### APPROVAL OF December 8, 2015 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Foy, seconded by Pino, to Approve the December 8, 2015 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Evan Gruzis and Kristof Wickman spoke in support of their BLINK proposal.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

1. [08046](#) Poet Laureate program

Wolf introduced Oscar Mireles. He will continue the work of past poets laureate, including Common Council readings. He will work to get diverse view points, diverse poets. Received 500+ submissions for Bus Lines competition. He will continue working with Edgewood for graphic design. Wants to bring together groups around town for collaboration and support. Will work with MadCityPoetry.org. He'll sustain the projects that came before him and increase connectivity between poetry groups and will foster young writers. Mireles will be introducing Obama's poet laureate (Richard Blanco) at Edgewood event and is working on a children's book with the children's museum.

MAC would like to ask the Common Council to set aside \$1500 as ongoing allocation for PL program rather than revisiting it each year.

2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

Evan and Christoff described their project. Would like to activate the space of an empty Taco Bell in the 5000 block of E. Washington. A curatorial project with film screenings, food in post corporate shell. Would like to do more than one event. Want it to be a generous act of free performance, free food, with an audience other than UW.

**A motion was made by Tvedt, seconded by Karlen, to Approve \$1500 for Evan Gruzis and Kristof Wickman's Soft Shell project. The motion passed by voice**

vote/other.

- 3. [21625](#)      **MAC Annual Grant Review**  

Staff reviewed expectations of commission members.
  
- 4. [32517](#)      **Honors Event**  

Commissioners thanked Sarah Sosa-Acevedo for her hard work on the event. Commissioners were pleased with the event.
  
- 5. [30511](#)      **Madison Art Commission Strategy and Direction**  

Shrank suggests strategic planning start in October, which will help Karin Wolf compile the honors booklet. Shrank suggests adopting the four priorities. Work on the draft in September. Could approve it but remain open to adding priorities as they come in. Commissioners agreed that annual strategic planning should occur in October.
  
- 6. [33162](#)      **Conference & Meetings Report**  

Kia Karlen is going to Any Given Child next week in D.C. with Laurie Fellend from the school district and Ray Gargano from Overture.

MAC is helping send 8 Wis. Artists to BandSwap in Kansas City.

March 19, High Noon, BandSwap here. Tvedt has press lined up.

March 8 MAC meeting will be cancelled so that Commissioners are free to attend MMoCA's Art+ Place.
  
- 7. [21279](#)      **MAC Administrative Reports**
  
- 8. [41716](#)      **2016 Press and Publicity**

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