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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, June 16, 2026

5:30 PM

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Interpretation and Accessibility

Call to Order/Roll Call

Present: 6 - Ellen Zhang; Papa-Kobina N. Brewoo; Angela Johnson; Ren K. LaDassor; Michael B. Salerno and Nicholas A. Pjevach

Excused: 3 - Eli M. Asnien; T. L. Luke and Gregory M. Doby

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaDassor, to Approve the May 13, 2026 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Public Comment

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Disclosures and Recusals

None.

Discussion Items**2. [93589](#) Introduction of New Staff**

NPPD Principal Planner, Rebecca Cnare introduced herself to the Commission.

3. [87769](#) City-County Building Art Plan

Staff presented the City County Building Phase 1.B proposal.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the City County Building Phase 1.B proposal (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [87170](#) Existing Art Call

The Chair presented the additional changes to the Existing Arts Call that would include third party submissions.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Johnson, to Approve The Public Art Standing Committees recommendation (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [93575](#) Parks Alive Public Art Plan

Staff presented the 2026 Parks Alive Art proposal. Ren LaDassor asked about the potential damage to trees and Staff assured commissioners that Parks is working with the City Forester to ensure the process is safe for our trees.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Salerno, to Approve the 2026 Parks Alive Proposal (Attached), to invite artists Evan F Johnson and Lillian Chun for a month long artist residency in which they will create temporary paper art for all Parks Alive events in August. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [93576](#) Newville Park Public Sculpture

Staff reviewed the history of the original sculpture at Newville Park. Staff presented the new proposed sculpture for the park. Alder Zhang asked about vandalism. Ren LaDassor asked additional questions about the history of the original sculpture.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Salerno, to Approve the licensing, fabrication, and installation of the design by Babette Wainwright or commission a similar design for Newville Park. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [93588](#) Deaccession Proposal

Staff presented the deaccession proposal (Attached), that includes abandoned property, posters, reproductions, and prints.

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Johnson, to Approve the deaccession proposal (Attached). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [43357](#)

Utility Box Art

-Staff presented the proposal for Charlotte Easterling's design for Utility Boxes

A motion was made by Zhang, seconded by Brewoo, to Approve the Charlotte Easterling Utility Box proposal. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [91543](#)

2026 Administrative Updates

Staff informed the Commission of upcoming city arts events:

- Warner Park Unveiling on July 8th at 10am
- LakeWay Public Art Community Meeting at the Parks Building on June 24th at 4:30-6pm
- Thurber Residency closing event on August 8th at 9:30-11:30pm
- Teejop Public Art Opening at UW Madison Arboretum on August 9th at 2-4pm

Staff gave updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park Public Art Project and a MAC Recommendation/Community Endorsement Form.

10. [91542](#)

2026 Press and Publicity

None.

Adjournment

A motion was made by LaDassor, seconded by Johnson, to Adjourn at 7:00pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.