

December 2009 Administrative Report

MAC highlights since we last met on November 18, 2009:

What will happen with the public art in the current Central Library? – Now that a new Central Library has been approved, the Madison Arts Program Administrator will work with Jane Roughen, the Branch Library Coordinator to create a plan for the public art that is attached to the current library (including the Bohrod Mural and the O.V. Shaffer sculpture in front of the library. We have scheduled meetings with three different conservators and will hold a community meeting on February 10, 2010 at 5:30pm. Commissioner Connie Kilmark has agreed to facilitate the community meeting.

Statue of Liberty Replica Conservation – Community members who are working to save the Statue of Liberty Replica were very grateful to receive your pledge of \$5000.00 of seed money from the maintenance budget. We will work with Fine Arts Conservation Services (Tony Rajer) and Celestial Foundry and Forge (Tom Pankratz) for this project. Deinstallation date Monday December 7, 2009 8:30am.

Update on MMoCA's Blink Grant/Sign Project – MMoCA began requesting permission for this project from the City in June and the project was slated to be installed at various locations on December fourth. Two days prior to the install date, at a Dec 2, 2009 meeting of the *Privilege in Streets* team it was determined that the **State Street locations** The Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMoCA) identified for their proposed temporary public art project "**Then and Again: A Sign Project by Nicholas Lampert**" are **not allowable** under a state ordinance that prohibits signage in the right of way. MMoCA director and staff expressed disappointment in the outcome of the meeting.

It is doubtful that MMoCA will look for other allowable locations for the signs (building walls, windows) but it is my understanding that they will not pursue other State Street locations because they think it would water down the artistic intent of the project.

In their Privilege in Streets application they sought approval for 25 sign locations with 9 of those locations on State Street, I do not know if they will continue to seek permission to display the signs in the other 16 locations now that the State Street locations have been prohibited.

City Atty Kitty Noonan advised, "Once again, the issues of sign prohibition in the right of way and some city staff wishing to use the right of way in ways that involve signs have collided. Our office has suggested several times in the past that interested staff contact the mayor's office about making a legislative change regarding signs one of the city's lobbying priorities. It would make sense to have some exemption for state street-like areas and could be drafted so as to not gut

the basic premise of the statute. Please consider doing something to address this issue.”

Another Blink Update: Dress up Wednesdays –The Dress Up Wednesdays website is posted! Check it out! <http://dressupwednesdays.com>

Coming Soon:

Regular MAC Meeting

ALL MEMBERS

Tuesday, January 12, 2010 5:00 pm, Room LL 110

Central Park Meetings (cont)

1) **December 9** --Interviews with engineering firms. Marsha Rummel

December 10, 2009: Effective Grant Proposal Writing

-WAB, MAC, DCCAC, & Community Foundation at the UW Arboretum, Two Free Workshops for Wisconsin’s Creative Community Presented by the Wisconsin Arts Board in partnership with: the Madison Arts Commission, the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, and the Madison Community Foundation

Where? The workshops will be held at the UW-Madison Arboretum Visitor Center
1207 Seminole Hwy, Madison

When? 9:00 am – Noon (Focus: Organizational Support grants)

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm (Focus: Arts Project grants)

January 26, 2009 MAC Honors Event 4:30-6:00pm Goodman Community Center.

The Schomer Lichtner and Ruth Grotenrath exhibition will be scheduled at Central Library during fall gallery night 2010.