

Date: July 5, 2020

To: Madison Arts Commission

From: Barbara (Bobbi) Schrank, President, Friends of Madison Arts Commission

Re: Friends of Madison Arts Commission

Former members of the Madison Arts Commission came together in late January 2020 to begin discussions about forming Friends of Madison Arts Commission, a non-profit organization that would provide various forms of financial and non-financial support for the priorities and undertakings of the Madison Arts Commission. Founding members included Patty Elson, Leslee Nelson, Barbara (Bobbi) Schrank, Nick Schweitzer - all former MAC Commissioners.

Our fledgling non-profit looks forward to support the priorities and initiatives of the Madison Arts Commission. We are grateful for the work the Commission does on behalf of the City of Madison, and are hopeful that our non-profit organization can help you with your future goals.

Since that initial January 2020 meeting, and with the approaching and ever present COVID-19, Friends of Madison Arts Commission, working in consultation with Karin Wolf, has:

A. **Formed a Non-Profit Organization – Friends of Madison Arts Commission**

- ◆ **Formed** as a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with founding officers - Barbara (Bobbi) Schrank – President, Leslee Nelson – Secretary, Nick Schweitzer – Treasurer,
- ◆ **Developed** by-laws for the non-profit organization, set up banking accounts,
- ◆ **Developed** a logo, website and facebook page – the latter two are under development,
- ◆ **Secured** \$1500 in donations from founding members, including the Madison Community Foundation, and
- ◆ **Sent** an email to former Chairs of MAC to inquire about their interest in being involved with Friends of the Madison Arts Commission.

B. **Developed priorities for Friends of the Madison Arts Commission.**

- ◆ **Provides** – provides supplemental funding for MAC events,
- ◆ **Receives** – acts as fiscal receiver for other Madison arts entities for MAC projects
- ◆ **Supports** – voices support with city staff, policy bodies and the community for MAC activities

C. Next Steps for Friends of the Madison Arts Commission

- ◆ Follow up with former Commissioners who expressed interest in supporting Friends of MAC,
- ◆ Continue working on internet and facebook pages – add information about recent MAC grantees, State Street mural project, and other MAC initiatives,
- ◆ Raise funds for Mildred Harnack public art installation,
- ◆ Create videos of MAC grantees during the COVID-19 and post on our website...

We look forward to supporting MAC in its future endeavors. We invite and welcome your participation and suggestions.

Board Members of Friends of MAC

Leslee Nelson
Barbara (Bobbi) Schrank
Nick Schweitzer