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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober;
Karen McLaughlin; Patricia Elson and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Excused: 3 -

Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera and Constance M. Kilmark

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Farley, to Approve the Minutes from April 13, 2009 and to amend and approve the minutes from May 12, 2009. McLaughlin wishes for the May 12, 2009 minute to clarify the basis of denial of Dennis' and Baker's May grant revision request, to ensure that it is clear that the commissioners have great confidence in the artists and appreciated the grant change request proposal, but the commissioners did not wish to set the precedent of accepting grant revision requests that are so dramatically different from the original proposal. They encourage the artist to reapply with this revised proposal in a future grant cycle. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Laurie Rossbach spoke in support of her Blink application. She informed the commission about an additional workshop she has scheduled for June 21 at Absolutely Art on Atwood Boulevard in which people will create small flower puppets so that they can more fully participate in the puppet procession at the Starkweather Creek Summer Solstice Festival. She also asked the commission to provide her with input about the where they would like to see two of her six Blink appearances.

Kara Ginther and Maggie Sasso also spoke in support of their Blink project, emphasizing that they will definitely take their Mobile Museum of Material Culture (MMoMC) out for local display least 10 times. In fact, they intend to publicly exhibit the MMoMC at least 12 times.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [12332](#) Introduce Ray Harmon, Mayoral Liason

Mr. Harmon was unable to attend due to required attendance at another City meeting.

2. [15002](#) Introduce Mary Berryman Agard, Consultant Madison Cultural Plan

Mary Berryman Agard gave a short presentation about the Cultural Plan describing her partners on this project and her anticipated process.
3. [14910](#) Establishing a Cultural Plan Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Schweitzer, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [14834](#) June 2009 Blink Applications - Public Art Standing Committee Recommendations

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Schweitzer, to allocate \$15,000 of the Municipal Art Fund to Blink and to approve funding the following June 2009 Blink proposals:
i) Blink projects for Ride the Drive - Kia Karlen & Angela Richardson at \$2,500.00 of their \$3,000.00 request.
ii) Urban Icons – Pritika Chowdhry at \$1,000.00 of her \$1,500.00 request.
iii) The Mobile Museum of Material Culture (MMoMC) - Maggie Sasso & Kara Ginther at their full request of \$1,500.00.
iv) Flower Flags – Caroline Hoffman at \$710.00 of her \$1,420.00 request.
vi) MMoCA – Nicolas Lampert A Call for Reflection at \$750.00 of their \$1,500.00 request.
vii) Procession of the Species – Laurie Rossbach at \$1,050.00 of her \$1,185.00 request.
For a total of \$7,510.00. Leaving a remaining balance of \$3,540 for fall Blink proposals
The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [15007](#) August 2009 Meeting Date

A motion was made by Sober, seconded by Schweitzer, to Approve cancellation of the August meeting due to anticipated lack of quorum. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [12977](#) 2009/2010 MAC Meeting Dates

Chair Klehr expressed an interest in finding a new regular meeting date to accomodate Leslee Nelson who has a teaching obligation every Tuesday beginning in fall 2009. Staff will ask Nelson if the conflict will persist beyond the semester. If not, Klehr suggests excusing Nelson's absences from September through December. If so, chair Klehr would like to explore the possibility of finding another night that suits everyone's schedule. This item will be placed on the July agenda for further discussion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [15008](#) Arts Funders Conversation at Edenfred

Tom Farley reported on attending a conversation of art funders at Edenfred.

8. [14311](#) Administrative Report

The Madison Art Program Administrator report:

- The anticipated installation date of the "Effigy Tree" is June 25, 2009. Linda Baldwin will be hosting a fundraiser for the project on the same day. If any commissioners wish to be invited to the fundraiser they are very welcome to attend. The unveiling is scheduled to occur on September 12, 2009.

- The anticipated installation of "Four Lakes" at Frances Plaza is sometime before the end of July. If there is an unveiling planned for the project commissioners will be notified via email.

- The anticipated installation date of the sculpture for the Allied Drive Redevelopment project is in mid August. The artists and the administrator attended a neighborhood celebration at Allied Drive on June 6, 2009. The artists photographed the arm models for the sculpture recruited from among the from community residents and friends attending the celebration.

- Midwest Conservation Services sent a conservator to Madison from Minneapolis to look at three sculptures: the Statue of Liberty in Warner Park, the Annie Stewart fountain on the near west side, and the fountains on the capitol square. The conservator will forward her estimates in the coming weeks.

- It is anticipated that in July, the Arts Administrator will schedule a meeting with neighborhood residents near the Statue of Liberty replica to hear their thoughts about the value of repairing that sculpture.

- There have been ongoing problems with the operation and maintenance of the capitol square fountains. A meeting of staff involved in the care of the fountains and other stakeholders will be held on July 2, 2009

- Contract processing of our recent round of annual project and ArtWORKS! grants has been delayed by the Affirmative Action office's request that we supply them with the number of employees of the organizations that are receiving grants from us. Those who employ more than 15 employees are being asked to fill out additional AA compliance forms. Staff will investigate why this policy is being enforced and seek a solution to expedite the processing of grants for next year's grant recipients.

- The contract for Mary Berryman Agard, the Cultural Planning Consultant is nearly complete. She should receive it to her before the end of the week.

- The Cultural Plan consultant and the Arts Program Administrator have met with the Mayor and Mayoral Liaison Ray Harmon to discuss the creation of a steering committee to help guide the Cultural Planning process.

- Ms. Agard and the Arts Administrator also attended the May 26, 2009 Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission meeting where Ms. Agard presented a brief talk about the purpose of cultural planning and offered an array of potential opportunities for DCCAC to participate in the process over the next 18 months.

- The Arts Administrator will be gone from June 15-22, 2009 to attend the Americans for the Arts Conference in Seattle.

9. [13212](#) Press and Publicity Jan - June 2009
10. [13045](#) 2009 MAC Standing Committee Assignments

Staff will send an updated list of committee assignments via email.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Farley, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.