



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

5:15 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room LL-120 (Madison Municipal Building)

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Briony Jean Foy; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Excused: 1 -

Norma M. Sober

Anthony Lamarr Brown II arrived during discussion of the benches being created by Olive Jones Park. Barbara Schrank left at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF September 12, 2012 MINUTES

A motion was made by Schrank, seconded by Elson, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Rothschild provided a summary of the Make Music Madison project. He also addressed the issue of forming a music policy and encouraged the commission to consider the importance of music for our entertainment (stressing the importance of Overture and other venues), education (MMSD), diversity (Dane Dances), and citizen participation (Make Music Madison).

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Nick Schweitzer is involved in Fresco Opera Theater and thus will recuse himself from discussion of the Signature grant. Leslee Nelson teaches at the University of Wisconsin Madison but does not know any of the applicants for the Blink grant and does not believe she has a conflict of interest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [23110](#) Endorsing Community Projects

Jeff Scott, Marcia Vandercook, and John Schlaefer presented images related to a public art project they have been working on for Olive Jones Park. The work consists of two benches constructed from a composite concrete, in the form of a caterpillar, one bench will hold about 3 people, the other bench will hold 2 people (see attachments).

A motion was made by Schrank, seconded by Nelson, to Approve the Olive Jones sculpture. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Nicholas Schweitzer left the room at 5:45 before the discussion of the Signature grant because of his involvement with Fresco Opera Theater.

The chair changed the order of the agenda to take item #6 after item #1.

6. [24290](#) Signature Grant Review

Ballet - In general, the commission liked the idea of marketing to a younger audience by hitting on today's popular steam punk theme, but would have liked to see more provision for underserved audiences. Total score 565, average score 81.

Fresco Opera Theater Co - The commissioners recognized Fresco's innovative programming as attracting new audiences and liked the humor they incorporate as part of the production. Total score 610, average score 87.

A motion was made by Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Nelson, to Approve awarding the MAC Signature grant to the Fresco Opera Theatre Company. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Briony Jean Foy; Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; José J. Madera and Barbara M. Schrank

Abstentions: 1 -

John Nicholas Schweitzer

Excused: 1 -

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2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

A motion was made by Schrank, seconded by Schweitzer, to Approve the recommendation of the Public Art Standing Committee to fund Sandra Erbacher's BLINK proposal, "I Kept This Part Away From You," for \$1,500. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [27987](#) Art Space Exhibition Proposal

A motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Rhodes-Conway, to Approve the following artists for exhibitions of their work in the Madison Municipal Building ARTspace Gallery: Minority Affairs Committee-Black History Months, Morris Altman, Mary Mesman, Alternography group, Barbara Kirby, Minority Affairs Committee-Linda Metoxin. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [27986](#) Madison Arts Commission Music Policy Review

A motion was made by Brown II, seconded by Schrank, to Approve and Submit the statement in support of music performance, that José Madera drafted in response to the Mayor's request, as reviewed, edited, and amended by the body. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 -

Anthony L. Brown II; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; José J. Madera; Barbara M. Schrank and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Noes: 1 -

Briony Jean Foy

Abstentions: 1 -
Satya V. Rhodes-Conway

Excused: 1 -
Norma M. Sober

5. [28021](#) Make Music Madison

Staff expanded on Michael Rothschild's earlier public comment about the project noting the Mayor had included \$20,000 in funding for the project in the 2013 budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports
8. [25024](#) 2012 Press and Publicity

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Schweitzer, seconded by Nelson, to Adjourn at 7:34 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.