



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, November 4, 2020

5:30 PM

via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Sheri Carter; Faisal Abdu'Allah; Kia M. Karlen; Lance M. Owens; Katie H. Ryan; Yvette M. Pino; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Taeli S. T. Reistad  
**Excused:** 2 - Ginger A. Contreras and Anna T. January

### APPROVAL OF October 7, 2020 MINUTES

**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Pino, to Approve the October 7, 2020 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Thomasin (Tamsie) Ringler registered in support of the Winter Is Alive Proposal

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Karlen disclosed that she works with Overture

2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

Tamsie presented the Winter Is Alive proposal. Some participants will be invited, other participants will be selected by a Jury through an open call. Bethany Jurewicz will represent MAC on the Jury.

**A motion was made by Jurewicz, seconded by Carter, to Approve Sustain Dane on behalf of Thomasin Ringler up to \$15,000-\$4,750 from BLINK and \$10,250 from Placemaking for Winter is Alive. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

3. [27011](#) Art in Public Places

Referred to the December meeting

4. [32522](#) Review Overture Contract

A request was made to see how Overture has spent their funds in 2020 and a plan on how they plan to spend in 2021. As of yet this has not been received. Since their contract needs to be finalized yet this year, staff will make this request again. MAC will hold a special meeting before the December 1 Council meeting when MAC will need to provide a

recommendation to Council. If these documents are not received in time, MAC will cancel the special meeting and provide no recommendation to Council to proceed with Overture's contract.

5. [55290](#)

#### Thurber Park Artist-in-Residence

Before the next call for Artist-in-Residence is issued, we should re-examine the expectation of the Thurber residency. This discussion will be placed on the December agenda.

**A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Pino, to Approve the extension of Eric Adjetey Anang Thurber Residency until March, 2022 due to circumstances under COVID. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

6. [62652](#)

#### Authorizing the process to select a Public Art feature for Metro Phase II and Phase IIIA

Staff reported that this is the first large Percent for Art installation, therefore it is best to get Council approval of the funding before making the Call for Artists

7. [39932](#)

#### Public Art Conservation

Staff reported that as part of the Parks Master Plan, Parks proposed moving the Annie Stewart Fountain, which many people were upset about. The fountain is in need of conservation. A series of open communications/discussions will need to be held to determine where the best place for this statue is in its current condition, how many resources should be put into repairing this piece, etc. Part of this discussion should also include Parks Policy on Art in Parks.

8. [28584](#)

#### Review of Arts Budget

Discussion referred to December meeting, but some items to consider:

- 1) New Parks Facility
- 2) Urban League Employment Building
- 3) Public Market
- 4) Darbo
- 5) Representational work/Memorial/Monument?
- 6) Theresa Terrace

9. [16650](#)

#### MAC Meeting Dates & Locations

10. [21279](#)

#### MAC Administrative Reports

MAC will send a letter to the Mayor to request exhibition space on 2nd floor to be used as a community gallery like Chicago Cultural Center

**A motion was made by Carter, seconded by Ryan, that due to the closing of the MMB in 2020 due to COVID staff would offer to extend loan period for another year to current artists, with replacement if necessary. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

11. [59065](#) 2020 Press and Publicity

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Carter, to Adjourn at 6:50 p.m.. The motion passed by voice vote/other.