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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

5:30 PM

via Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

S. Carter arrived at 5:35 pm

F. Carter arrived at 5:50 pm

Present: 9 - Sheri Carter; Fabu P. Carter; Lance M. Owens; Rae C. Senarighi; Katie H. Ryan; Anna T. January; Nicholas A. Pjevach; Bethany M. Jurewicz and Taeli S. T. Reistad

APPROVAL OF March 8, 2022 MINUTES

A motion was made by Ryan, seconded by Senarighi, to Approve the March 8, 2022 Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [61239](#) Public Comment

Sara Rohs spoke in support of the Madison Contemporary Dance grant applications.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

2. [21297](#) BLINK Proposal Review

Commissioners agreed that the Farm Art Detour is a high-quality regional event. They discussed accessibility and inclusion issues related to the event's location outside of Madison. They would like to see an official application from the group with a specific Madison artist proposed.

The item was referred to the May 11, 2022 Madison Arts Commission meeting.

3. [21625](#) MAC Annual Grant Review

Commissioners reviewed their scoring of the annual grant applications, along with recommended funding amounts. They discussed concerns about meaningful outreach to underserved neighborhoods and residents, and they suggested changes to the scoring rubric in the future, including revisiting whether or not new applicants should receive 5 bonus points. In discussion of Legacy grants, they emphasized that COVID-related backup plans are important, and at this point in the pandemic, groups should be able to pivot and produce something with grant funds.

Commissioners reviewed their scoring of the Artists At Work grant applications and discussed how difficult it was to score applications based on a short narrative. They agreed that the full body of MAC should review the applications rather than the Art Grants Subcommittee.

A motion was made by S. Carter, seconded by Pjevach, to Approve the annual art grant recommendations as proposed. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by S. Carter, seconded by Reistad, to invite all eligible Artists At Work grant applicants to apply for Phase 2 of the application process. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [43144](#) Poet Laureate Program & Initiatives

The Youth Poet Laureate application deadline will be extended as contract details are still being worked out.

F. Carter suggested that the Youth Poet Laureate should receive a stipend as a token of appreciation for their work. Commissioners supported funding an honorarium.

A motion was made by Senarighi, seconded by F. Carter, to Approve a \$500 honorarium for the Youth Poet Laureate from the project grant budget. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [33162](#) Conference & Meetings Report

The item was referred to the May 11, 2022 Madison Arts Commission meeting.

6. [21279](#) MAC Administrative Reports

The Silver Lining Awards are on May 12, 2022, and commissioners were invited to volunteer at the event. The Chair reminded commissioners of upcoming meetings dates regarding the Thurber Artist in Residence. The Annie Stewart Fountain survey is currently on hold. Karin Wolf and F. Carter are planning a panel discussion with Black women artists about their experiences with inclusivity and a lack of support in the local arts community. Commissioners noted that it was important to invite local art establishments and those who have decision-making power in selecting artists for exhibitions and other opportunities. It was suggested they partner with other groups to increase the reach of the event. There was consensus among commissioners that they were supportive of hosting this event.

7. [69092](#) 2022 Press and Publicity

See attached

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Reistad, seconded by Ryan, to Adjourn at 7:20 pm. The motion passed by voice vote/other.