



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON ARTS COMMISSION

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -
Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Absent: 2 -
Marsha A. Rummel and Jerry Jordan

Excused: 1 -
Karen McLaughlin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Roll Call

Present: 9 -
Marsha A. Rummel; Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer

Absent: 1 -
Jerry Jordan

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Doug Haynes came to the meeting to express his concern about the Signature Grant Guidelines. He stated: I am here because I have concerns regarding the process of evaluation that took place in the most recent cycle for the Signature grant. I brought a grant proposal that I thought fit the funding criteria, however when I received the MAC members' feedback it appeared that they were not adhering to the published funding criteria. A number of the members who scored my proposal lower made mention of the fact that the work already exists. The funding criteria state that the grant is for "New and original work (work that has never been exhibited, performed or published)." My work fits these criteria in that it has never been exhibited or published.

When I questioned Karen Wolf about this, she indicated that the MAC members had strong belief that the grant should go to work that has not been created. When I suggested there might be grounds for appealing the decision of the committee, she looked closely at the scoring of my application and suggested that the scores of members who commented "work already exists" did not mark down on the basis that my work was not new.

In the end I am left with the perception that the process is not carried out in a professional manner. Either the published funding criteria are not used when making decisions or the comments received along with scores have little relationship with the scores. In either case I find myself with a diminished degree of trust with regard to this committee. It would be helpful to get an assessment from the committee of their reception for a future grant proposal for a work such as mine that is unpublished, unexhibited but already created. Thanks for your time.

- Dan Hefty spoke regarding the Zoning Code Rewrite and appealed to the Commission to broaden the usage of accessory buildings for artists creating works for sale.
- Art Schmaltz also spoke in favor of expanding zoning codes for artists, including clarification of usage of the outdoors.
- Bridget Birdsall, a former commercial real estate broker, spoke in support of flexible zoning regulations for accessory buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

- 2. [15932](#) Adopting and confirming amendments to the Madison General Ordinances as set forth in attached Exhibit F pursuant to Sec. 66.0103, Wis. Stats. to revise the City’s Zoning Ordinance.

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Rummel, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the PLAN COMMISSION.

The Commission recommends:

- **Subsection 28.002(1) to be expanded to include a 17th general purpose as follows: "To encourage the creation, promotion, sale, and enjoyment of art."**
- **Subchapter 28K be amended to define permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses of accessory buildings based on specific functions and effects (for example, noise levels) rather than commercial versus non-commercial uses.**
- **Subsection 28.155(2)(a) and Subsection 28.155(2)(b) be removal (see attached for more specific information).**

The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Roll Call

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Celia A. Klehr; Thomas J. Farley; Norma M. Sober; Patricia Elson; Leslee J. Nelson; Jose J. Madera; Constance M. Kilmark and John Nicholas Schweitzer
- Absent:** 1 -
Jerry Jordan
- Excused:** 1 -
Marsha A. Rummel

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3. [10846](#) Solar System Installation

Nick Schweitzer presented an update to last year’s temporary solar system intallations noting that the group is attempting to create a permanent display.
- 4. [17025](#) Sister Cities Committee Update

Nick Schweitzer, Chair of Sister Cities Committee, reported on the new display cases in the City-County Building and the Committee's efforts to establish guidelines for creating new sister cities.

5. [17026](#) 2010 MAC Administrative Reports

The administrative report was distributed.

6. [17018](#) Jan - June 2010 Press and Publicity

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Elson, seconded by Farley, to Adjourn at 6:05 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.