



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Executive Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Friday, February 3, 2023

8:00 AM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County
Building in Room 421; attend virtually via Zoom.

A. Call To Order

Present in person: Chair Ritcherson, Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya

Present virtually: Vice Chair Klehr, Commissioner Miquelon

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla (in person)

Call to order at 8:03 a.m.

Present 4 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, MARY KLEHR, MARCIA MIQUELON, and OLIVIA
XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

Excused 1 - FRAN PULEO MOYER

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2022
MIN-541](#) [MINUTES FROM THE 01/06/2023 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING]

Attachments: [2022 MIN-541](#)

*Vice Chair Klehr recommended the following edit to Section F: Change the instance of
"in-person," to "in person."*

**A motion was made by Vice Chair Klehr to approve the January Executive
Committee minutes, seconded by Commissioner Miquelon.**

**The minutes as amended by Vice Klehr's recommendation were approved
unanimously by a voice vote.**

2. Approve January commission minutes for recommendation to full commission

Vice Chair Klehr recommended the following edit to Section C: Add the first name "Maria" prior to the last name "Amalia" in the first sentence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon, seconded by Vice Chair Klehr to approve the January Commission meeting minutes for approval by the full commission.

The minutes as amended by Vice Klehr's recommendation were approved for recommendation to the full commission unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Review Commission Discussion Topics-February

1. Youth Engagement (led by Vice Chair Klehr and Commissioner Parks Snider)

- Vice Chair Klehr and Commissioner Parks Snider will lead a discussion about arts connected to children and youth in Dane County.

- Parks Snider will discuss her work with youth as in the art with ties to therapy, education and activism.

- Vice Chair Klehr and Cultural Affairs Specialist Brulla will meet to review 2023 grant applications identified as serving youth prior to the February 8th commission meeting.

2. 2023 Cycle 1 Grants

- Chair Ritcherson will lead a brief review of the grant process.

- Commissioner Curet has been asked to follow up with additional details regarding the allocation formula.

D. Determine March-April Commission Discussion Topics

- The February discussion topics were approved during the January commission meeting.

- A tentative plan for the March commission meeting will be for Commissioner Puleo Moyer to lead a discussion about commissioner attendance/representation at Dane Arts events.

- Any remaining questions/concerns on the cycle 1 grants review will be addressed during the March meeting.

E. Review Commissioners Areas of Focus for Reporting- General Goals for 2023

Commissioners have been asked to provide a report on their individual or group's Area of Focus goals for 2023.

F. New Commissioners Update

- Jay Handy and Kelsey Yudice have been approved to serve on the Dane Arts Commission, bringing the commission its full capacity of 11 members.
- Chair Ritcherson will ask new commissioners to speak about themselves briefly during the February commission meeting.

G. Funding Issue

- Kay LeClaire, also known in the community as Nibiwakamigkwe, was exposed as falsely claiming themselves as an indigenous artist.
- Chair Rod acknowledged that this individual was involved in a project that received funding from Dane Arts in 2022 and was also a recipient of 2021 DANG! funding. Both funded projects were successfully completed by the applicant.
- Director Fraire has reached out to the individual directly and to the tattoo collective which they were previously affiliated with, but have not received a response.
- Director Fraire has been requested to inform County Executive Parisi, chief of staff, and the county's legal counsel. Additional steps, if warranted, will be determined by legal counsel.

H. Meeting Start Time

- Meetings will continue to be held at 8 a.m.
- A staff of Dane Arts will attend the front doors so that members of the public have access, and the conference room door will remain open.

I. Executive Director Report

1. Grant Cycle 1 Update

- About 60 applications have been received as of 4 pm on February 1.
- Director Fraire has 20 panelists secured and ready to review the 2023 Cycle 1 applications.
- Grant review panels will take place in late March and final awards will be approved by the commission during the April 12 meeting.
- Capital and Short Order grants are currently awarded through the Lussier Funds. Because the Lussier funds will end in (name the year), there is a strategy in place to raise additional funds for Dane Arts led by Director Fraire and several commissioners.

2. Youth Grant Funds Process, Criteria Discussion

This item was not discussed.

3. Poster/Calendar

Dane Arts staff is considering a meet-and-greet event to introduce commissioners with the public and celebrate the 2023 poster and artwork of Richie Morales.

Additional items:

4. Business of Art Conference

- All commissioners are invited to attend the Business of Art Conference March 30 – April 1, 2023.

- Keynote speakers will include an introduction from County Executive Joe Parisi, Torrie Allen, Director/CEO of Arts Midwest, and Amy Gilman, Director of the Chazen Museum of Art.

- Presenters include a marketing specialist, experienced storyteller, a physical therapist, lawyer to discuss copyright, an accountant, a prolific mural artist, a panel of arts business owners and leaders, and a panel of individual artists, and more to be confirmed.

- The conference will also include food, music, and a reception for networking.

- Artists participating in the conference will have the opportunity to sell work at the September 9/10 Farley Center art market in Verona.

5. The Arts and Economic Impact Study

- Americans for the Arts has extended the survey collection deadline to the end of May 2023.

- Dane Arts has collected 109% of required surveys but needs to collect more to meet the minimum requirements for arts events by BIPOC-led organizations.

6. Behind Creative

- The latest Behind Creative video series is in production and will feature visual artist Babette Wainwright.

- Mills Folly Micro Cinema has been presenting Behind Creative before their featured films.

J. Develop February 8, 2023, Commission Meeting Agenda

- roll call, establish quorum**
- welcome new commissioners**
- approve January 2022 meeting minutes (action item)**
- presentation group**
- February discussion topics (youth education, grants)**
- Chair/executive committee report; Areas of Focus discussion/reports**
- Executive Director's report**

K. Future Meeting Items and Dates

L. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

M. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

N. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to adjourn.

Minutes submitted respectfully by Augusta Brulla pending commission approval.