



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, January 6, 2023

8:00 AM

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

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

A. Call To Order

Call to order at 8:02 a.m.

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

In Person: Ritcherson, Fraire, Brulla

Virtual: Klehr, Miquelon, Puleo Moyer, Xistris-Songpanya

Present 5 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, MARY KLEHR, MARCIA MIQUELON, FRAN PULEO MOYER, and OLIVIA XISTRIS-SONGPANYA

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2022 MIN-493](#) [MINUTES FROM THE 11/04/2022 ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING]

Attachments: [2022 MIN-493](#)

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

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Approve November commission minutes for recommendation to full commission

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to approve the November Commission minutes for recommendation by the full commission, seconded by Puleo Moyer.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

1. Discuss/Approve Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya's Youth Grant Proposal

- Dane Arts will implement the distribution of a \$40,000 youth equity fund allocated from the County Board of Supervisors

- Director Fraire, Chair Ritcherson, and Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya discussed adding youth art equity funds to the existing grant cycle

- A question on the existing grant application will determine eligibility of applicants for the youth equity fund similar to the Blockstein award process

- The question states: "Is your project providing equitable opportunities for youth to participate?"

- The details of how to divide and award the \$40,000 in each cycle will be discussed at a future meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to advance the youth equity fund discussion to the January full commission meeting, seconded by Commissioner Puleo Moyer.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

2. Review Discussion Topics and Prioritize for January-March

- January discussion topics include Dane Arts supporting admission-free events, led by Chair Ritcherson and a discussion of the \$40,000 youth equity fund, led by Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya

- Vice Chair Klehr suggested discussing the grant process in March and commissioner attendance of Dane Arts funded events in April

This resolution was not acted on

D. Review Areas of Focus-Discuss General Goals for 2023

Areas of focus will be reviewed and discussed by each commissioner in February

E. Review 2023 Commissioner Term Expiration Dates

1. Current Commissioners

- The terms of Commissioner Curet and Commissioner Parks Snider expire in June 2023

- Chair Ritcherson will meet with Commissioner Curet and Commissioner Parks Snider to discuss future plans

2. Status of two pending commissioners

- *Jay Handy and Kelsey Yudice are awaiting confirmation*
- *Once Handy and Yudice are onboarded, the commission will be fully staffed with 11 members*

F. Review 2023 County Directives for Hybrid Meetings

- *The new directive from the county is that meetings must be conducted in hybrid format (both in-person and virtual)*
- *The Chair or Vice Chair of the Dane Arts Commission must attend in-person*
- *Chair Ritcherson plans on attending future meetings in-person but does not expect other commissioners to attend in-person unless specifically discussed*
- *Dane Arts grant panel review meetings will continue to be held virtually*

G. Executive Director Report

- *Official name badges are available for all commissioners*
- *A full-time Cultural Affairs Specialist position will be opened and posted publicly with a start date of June 1, 2023*
- *Dane Arts has collected over 870 surveys for the Arts & Economic Prosperity Survey and will continue to collect until April 2023*
- *2023 calendar sales have been great and calendars are almost sold out with top vendors being Orange Tree Imports and University Bookstore*
- *Dane Arts received \$30,000 from the Evjue Foundation which will go toward Dane Arts Buy Local, Behind Creative, and more*
- *The second Dane Arts Buy Local Business of Art Conference will take place March 31-April 1*
- *High level Business of Art speakers have been secured for the conference, including a keynote from Torrie Allen, the new CEO of Arts Midwest*
- *There is potential for a summer Dane Arts Buy Local art market event at the Farley Center in Verona*
- *The 2023 Cycle 1 grant application is open with a due date of February 1*
- *Director Fraire has begun to recruit panelists to review 2023 cycle 1 grant applications*

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

1. Develop January 11, 2023, Commission Meeting Agenda

- roll call, establish quorum,
- approve November 2022 meeting minutes (action item)
- presentation group – Maria Amalia Wood
- Supervisor/Commissioner Xistris-Songpanya proposal(action item)
- January discussion item-the merits of sponsoring “free events” (action item)
- Chair/executive committee report; Areas of Focus discussion/reports
- Executive Director’s report

- Vice Chair Klehr requested that future meeting dates and the county directive about hybrid meeting are reviewed during the January full commission meeting

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

K. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to adjourn.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending Commissioner approval.