



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Arts and Cultural Affairs 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, February 16, 2022

5:15 PM

See top of Agenda for virtual meeting log in details

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#### A. Call To Order

*Excused: Mary Klehr*

*Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla*

**Call to order at 5:15 p.m**

**Present** 7 - AMNERIS CURET, MARCIA MIQUELON, STEVEN MORGAN, KELLY PARKS-SNIDER, RODERICK RITCHERSON, FRAN PULEO MOYER, and YOGESH CHAWLA

**Absent** 1 - JESSICA CAVAZOS

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)

[MIN-628](#)

[Minutes from the 01/19/2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting]

**Attachments:** [2021 MIN-628](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to approve the January 19, 2022, Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - CURET, MIQUELON, MORGAN, PARKS-SNIDER, RITCHERSON, PULEO MOYER and CHAWLA

#### C. Action Items

**Vote on a minimum award for each eligible Project Grant applicant**

*A discussion regarding the motion included the following points:*

- *There is a large range in requested dollar amounts among applicants. For example, a low scoring applicant may receive more funding if they request the maximum award amount, versus a higher scoring application who requested a lower amount. Incorporating a minimum award helps neutralize this.*
- *The minimum award amount would vary based on total available funds and total requests during each individual grant cycle*
- *A minimum grant allocation fits with the mission of the Commission to aid a broad range of organizations, particularly emerging ones*
- *The term "eligible" indicates that all required materials have been submitted*
- *Eligibility is determined by Dane Arts staff before applications are distributed to review panelists*
- *Concern was expressed that some eligible applicants may not be ready for grant funding, even if they are technically eligible*

*There was a consensus that a decision regarding a minimum score for a minimum grant allocation merits further discussion and further research.*

*Dane Arts staff will send past grant data to the Commission prior to the next meeting so they may test the functionality of a grant allocation minimum using past cycles as a model.*

**A motion was made by Commissioner Curet to adopt a minimum grant award for all eligible applicants, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan.**

**The previous motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Curet, and the seconded was withdrawn by Vice-Chair Morgan.**

**A new motion was made by Supervisor Chawla to discuss adopting a minimum grant award for all eligible applicants during the March 16th Commission meeting, seconded by Vice Chair Morgan.**

**The motion was carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - CURET, MIQUELON, MORGAN, PARKS-SNIDER, RITCHERSON, PULEO MOYER and CHAWLA

## **D. Presentations**

### **Wendy Schneider, Producer of Behind Creative, a Dane Arts Series**

- *Schneider is a musician, producer, and owner of Coney Island Studios*
- *Schneider has lifelong experience in media production, works primarily independently, and has worked with hundreds of local and regional musicians*
- *Schneider sings, plays guitar, and writes songs for her band, Howler*
- *Dane Arts plans on funding at least two more Behind Creative features*
- *More information is available at [coneyislandstudios.com](http://coneyislandstudios.com)*

## E. Reports to Committee

### Executive Committee (Chair) Report

*Commissioner updates:*

- The Commission currently has two vacant seats
- Chair Ritcherson would like to anticipate expiring terms in advance and ensure a pool of potential candidates is available
- Commissioner Puleo Moyer will assist Director Fraire on an on-going basis in researching and developing a pool of future commissioner prospects as her area of focus
- Commission Chair and Vice-Chair elections will take place in June, 2022

*Grant updates:*

- 2022 grant funding budget totals \$198,000
- The Executive Committee will present a recommended budget for 2022 Cycle 1 to the commission for approval at the March meeting
- Commissioners will be assigned to review 6 – 7 applications
- 2022 Cycle 1 includes 15 panelists and three panels
- The review panel dates are March 14th, 16th and 22nd
- Commissioners are encouraged to attend review panels

*Other:*

- Dane Arts staff has many calendars and posters to distribute and suggestions for distribution locations from Commissioners are welcome
- Commissioners should consider attending a Dane Arts sponsored event as the Dane Arts Commission once or twice per year, in addition to their personal support of Dane Arts sponsored (and other) events

### Commissioner Area of Focus Reports

*None.*

### Executive Director/Staff Reports

*Reference Director Fraire's notes*

### Upcoming Dane Arts and other organizations' sponsored events/activities

*None.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- The next Commission meeting is March 16th at 5:15 p.m.
- The 2022 Cycle 1 Grant Review is April 13th at 4:30 p.m.

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

## I. Adjourn

*Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM*

**A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Parks Snider.**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending Commissioner approval*