



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?

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

8:00 AM

Virtual Zoom Meeting: See top of agenda for
instructions on how to join the webinar or call in by
phone.

A. Call To Order

Call to order at 8:00 a.m.

Staff: Mark Fraire, Augusta Brulla

- Present** 8 - Chair RODERICK RITCHERSON, AMNERIS CURET, Vice Chair MARY KLEHR,
MARCIA MIQUELON, FRAN PULEO MOYER, Supervisor OLIVIA
XISTRIS-SONGPANYA, LAURA GALLAGHER, and JENNIFER GARRETT
- Excused** 1 - KELLY PARKS-SNIDER

B. Welcome New Commissioners, Introductions

Laura Gallagher, Madison

- President of The Creative Company

- Plays piano and collects art (primarily by female artists)

Jennifer Garrett, Monona

- Assistant Deputy Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services

C. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)

[MIN-347](#)

[Minutes from the 09/12/2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission
Meeting]

Attachments: [2022 MIN-347](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Curet to approve the Minutes from the
09/12/2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting, seconded by Vice Chair
Klehr.

The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

D. Action Items

1. Approve 2022 Cycle 2 Capital Grant Awards

Approval of 2022 Cycle 2 grant awards will be reviewed during the November 4th Executive Committee meeting for recommendation for approval by the commission during the November 9th meeting.

This resolution was not acted on

2. Review/Approve 2022 Cycle 2 Grant Award Distributions

- 2022 Cycle 2 grants were reviewed by Dane Arts staff for eligibility. Three sessions with three panelists each reviewed and scored the applications.

- A grant allocation formula based on final score and available funds was used to generate recommended grant allocation.

- The consensus of the commission is to fund as many applicants as possible. Since requests exceed available funds, applicants rarely receive full requests and applicants are not automatically guaranteed funding.

- Commissioner Curet recommended allocating just a \$500 minimum to Sugar River Valley Songwriters due to a score of 54% compared to the next lowest score of 75%.

- Director Fraire will alert applicants to the status of their awards and to initiate submission of required paperwork.

- Commissioner Miquelon made a motion to not fund the Sugar River Valley Songwriters CD Project, seconded by Vice Chair Klehr. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Miquelon to approve and distribute a total of \$70,000 to 48 applicants as proposed by Commissioner Curet's allocation formula, seconded by Commissioner Puleo Moyer. The motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

3. Approve 2023 Commission Meeting Calendar

- A calendar of dates for 2023 will be sent to full commission.

- The final decision will be delayed until the November Commission meeting.

This resolution was not acted on

E. Chair/Executive Committee Report

1. Outline November agenda, Prioritization of Areas of Focus

Current Dane Arts Executive Committee and focus areas include:

- *Executive Committee: Ritcherson, Klehr, Miquelon, Puleo Moyer, Xistris-Songpanya*
- *Community Engagement/Marketing focus area (publicity, outreach, special events): Parks Snyder, Puleo Moyer*
- *Building the Dane Arts Artist Pool*
- *Friends of Dane Arts/Fund Advisory focus area: Ritcherson*
- *Grants Review focus area: Curet*
- *Policy and Handbook focus area: Klehr*
- *New Commissioner Prospects focus area: Puleo Moyer*
- *Arts and Economics AEP focus area: Miquelon*
- *Dane County Government liaison –Supervisor Xistris-Songpanya*
- *New Commissioners Gallagher and Garrett will be contacted for their input*
- *Commissioners should send any additional topics for discussion to Dane Arts staff prior to the November commission meeting*

2. Finalize Areas of Focus for 2023

- *Areas of focus will be finalized during the November commission meeting.*
- *New Commissioners Gallaher and Garrett will be contacted for their input.*

3. Vacant seats update

- *Chair Ritcherson’s goal is for the commission to have 11 members going into 2023.*
- *Chair Ritcherson and Director Fraire will meet in November with commission candidates to fill vacant seats.*
- *Any suggestions from commissioners are welcome.*

F. Executive Director’s Report

- *Dane Arts is hosting a 2023 poster and calendar announcement and celebration of 2022 calendar and poster artists on Monday, October 24th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Garver Feed Mill in Madison.*
- *The Dane Arts Buy Local Art Market and Business of Art Conference took place in September and Dane Arts connected with Gener8tor, a small business incubator, as a potential partner for a 2023 conference.*
- *The Cultural Affairs Specialist position is under review to be converted from a .5 LTE to .5 permanent position funded by the county rather than private funds.*

G. Future Meeting Items and Dates

- *The next Executive Committee meeting is on November 4th at 8 a.m.*
- *The next Commission meeting is on Wednesday, November 9th at 8 a.m.*

H. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

I. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

J. Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Puleo Moyer to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Augusta Brulla pending Commissioner approval.