



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### 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, December 19, 2018

5:15 PM

Madison club - 5 E. Wilson St., Madison 53703

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#### A. Call To Order

*Call to order at 5:20pm by Ritcherson.*

- Present** 9 - MARY KLEHR, STEVEN MORGAN, DIANE EVERSON, RODERICK RITCHERSON, TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN, CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS, SAMIE CHAMBERS, LUIS MONTOTO, and YOGESH CHAWLA
- Excused** 2 - CAROLE TRONE, and MARCIA MIQUELON

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2018](#) 11/19/18 Cultural Affairs Minutes  
[MIN-382](#)

**Attachments:** [November 19, 2018 Cultural Affairs Commission Minutes](#)

All in favor.

#### C. Action Items

### *Blockstein Grant - how to best service this fund*

*Chawla asks for modifications and/or feedback on the resolution that will be introduced to the county board regarding the Blockstein funds. Ritcherson asks for flexibility with the language regarding the funded amount. Everson would like to see a more in-depth description written about Lisel Blockstein in the resolution so that those funded know more about her. Morgan suggest adding whereas clauses to the resolution. Klehr appreciates that this is being combined with the general grant process. Chawla asks commissioners to send whereas clauses to be added to the resolution. Chambers suggests adding background information at a different time as a tribute rather than in the resolution, so that it can be moved along. Chawla offered to draft one whereas clause that talks about the history of Lisel Blockstein.*

*Motion to approve the written draft of the resolution honoring Lisel Blockstein and to add an additional whereas clause to enhance the current draft with more background information about her work and civic involvement. Final draft to be ready the week before the next Cultural Affairs meeting on January 4, 2018.*

**Chambers opposed.**

[2018 OA-018](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHANGING THE NAME OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION TO THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

**Sponsors:** CHAWLA, BOLLIG, BUCKINGHAM, CHENOWETH, DANNER, EICHER, ERICKSON, KILMER, KOLAR, KRAUSE, KUHN, McCARVILLE, NELSON, PETERS, RUSK, SCHAUER and WEGLEITNER

**Attachments:** [2018 OA-018](#)  
[2018 OA-018 TESTIMONY](#)

**All in favor.**

## **D. Presentations**

### *Director provides 2019 Budget items to review*

*Director will meet with Bolz intern, Grace Davis, to discuss the analysis/data that she created based on how the funds are split between art, culture, history, festivals, multidisciplinary and education. This information will be presented at the next commission meeting.*

## **E. Reports to Committee**

**Chair, Grants, PR, Fundraising, Director**

*Executive Committee - Ritcherson would like to discuss how commission raised funds will be allocated at the January commission meeting.*

*Executive Committee would like one of the 2019 goals to be the Cultural Affairs Commission to build relationships with County Board Supervisors. Director will send out phone numbers, email address and a blurb about each county board supervisor, to the commissioners.*

*Chawla suggests submitting questions to the Mayoral forum in January as Cultural Affairs Commissioners. Chawla will send the link to commissioners.*

*Grants - Morgan announced that the new rubric will be used in the next grant cycle. Grant applicants should understand that the structure and language of the actual grant application should be aligned with the rubric. Grants Committee will handle a future study differentiating two separate rubrics for things that are project specific versus those that are operating budget specific. Williams-Maclin suggested that grant recipients should not see the actual rubric. Williams-Maclin asked if priming new reviewers will skew their feedback.*

*Handbook - Klehr shared that language will be added to support and encourage people to attend events. Handbook Committee is thinking about policies to be included and making sure that the handbook stays up-to-date. Committee will work with Cultural Affairs staff to ensure that the handbook is made accessible. The handbook will be a document for all commissioners to access.*

*Albouras asked about conflict of interest language. Klehr shared that the conflict of interest language will need to be updated and the titled may be changed from "conflict of interest" to "code of conduct".*

*PR - Montoto will share the Liesl Blockstein press release and commission related events with his resources.*

*Fundraising - No news to report on 2019 goals. Chambers shared that the Ho-Chunk commission can allow the fundraising promotion to go on, but the donation portion of the 2019 fundraiser may have slight changes.*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

*Jan 16, Feb 20*

*Director has a yearlong calendar that was created with Bolz intern, Grace Davis, and will be provided to commissioners at the next commission meeting.*

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

*N/A*

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*N/A*

**I. Adjourn**

*Adjourned at 6:39p*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Taeli Reistad.*