



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Cultural Affairs Commission

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

5:00 PM

CCB, Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Call to order at 5:02pm

Present 10 - STEVEN MORGAN, CAROLE TRONE, DIANE EVERSON, Supervisor MARY KOLAR, RODERICK RITCHERSON, TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN, MARCIA MIQUELON, MATT VELDRAN, ASHLEY ROBERTSON, and CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS

Excused 2 - MARY KLEHR, and PAUL RUSK

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 4/17/17 Minutes
[MIN-135](#)

Attachments: [4/19/17 Minutes](#)

This Minutes were approved.

C. Action Items

Start time for commission meetings

Discussion to adjust the start time of commission meetings to make more convenient for commissioners to attend. Start time for Cultural Affairs commission meetings adjusted from 5:00pm to 5:15pm.

This was approved.

D. Presentations

Executive: One county supervisor commission position needs to be filled. Robertson's last meeting will be in July. When Robertson leaves we will need to fill three spots. Mark has three names and more suggestions are welcomed from commissioners.

DAMA is in the process of forming a board. Ritcherson will be sitting on the DAMA board to represent the Dane Arts commission. There are 7 confirmed members and 4 spots to fill. Fraire also sits on the DAMA board. For every 3 DAMA board members, there will be one Dane Arts commission member to serve on the DAMA board. DAMA is working to have \$50,000 secured by the end of the year.

The executive committee will take on issues that will be brought to the full commission for approval. (1) Should the Dane Arts commission make an annual contribution to DAMA, or should DAMA compete in the grant cycle? (2) Do we want to commit to an annual contribution; if so, at what level? Everson suggested assisting DAMA off of the ground and tapering off contributions. (3) Should we go back to withholding a certain amount of funds for grants in aid that will roll over from year to year? This will be taken into consideration by the executive committee. This will be brought back to the full commission, with a recommendation, for approval.

(4) Should the Block Stein Awards continue? Fraire spoke with the controller who advised to move the funds out via a resolution. The resolution will then have to be approved by the county board. Kolar would like these funds to be considered for the rainy day fund.

Grants: Morgan, Fraire and Turner met with Jen Uphoff Gray, Kathryn Smith and Carol Cohen about possible types of grant applications. Seasonal vs project grants. During that meeting, there was a suggestion to survey applicants on having one application per year versus two. Fraire met with legal and they noted that as long as the process is fair, changes can be made to the grant process. Fraire suggested a letter of intent be submitted by grant applicants prior to submitting a grant application so that we can ensure that the project fits for the year. Robertson has seen letter of intents in grant processes and noted that it makes it easier on the grant writing side. Kolar asked if those that submit a letter of intent will be considered for funds. Kolar asked if this would be solving what we need to solve. Ritcherson asked if there is a way that we can have a new rubric process in place for the 2018 cycles. Trone and Morgan will have recommendations for the rubric and scoring by December 2017.

Trone and Everson will be continuing to serve on the commission in new terms pending approval by the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Director: Fraire provided a printed and emailed copy of his director's report. Provided a video presentation of the Play Haven Mural.

Fundraising: Everson asked the commission to focus on how to increase funds for the grants. She will report on fundraising next meeting.

PR: Miquelon and Robertson suggested having a public piece for input/artwork (to be created during La Fete and hung in the city-county building to celebrate 40th anniversary.) "What do you think about the arts in Dane County?" "What do you like about the arts in Dane County?" Robertson suggested unveiling the DAMA painting that will be created at La Fete. Miquelon and Robertson will follow up with Turner on social media project/blurbs.

Le Fete de Marquette manager- Beatrice Hadidian

E. Reports to Committee

Chair's report, Grants, PR, Fundraising, Director

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

July 19, August 16, September 20, October-TBD (grants review)

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Concerts on the square offered Dane Arts a table the entire season. Commissioners will staff (based on their schedules.) Table capacity is 6-8 people. Fraire will pick a date for a commission meeting at the DAMA site.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

Ajourned at 6:26pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Taeli Turner.