



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?

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

5:15 PM

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A. Call To Order

Called to order by Chair Ritcherson at 5:17pm.

B. Consideration of Minutes

Quorum was reached when Miquelon arrived at 5:45pm.

Present 6 - MARY KLEHR, CAROLE TRONE, RODERICK RITCHERSON, YOGESH CHAWLA,
MARCIA MIQUELON, and TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN

Excused 3 - STEVEN MORGAN, SAMIE CHAMBERS, and LUIS MONTOTO

Absent 2 - DIANE EVERSON, and CHRISTIAN ALBOURAS

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New commissioner Yogesh Chawla abstained.

The minutes were approved.

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

Yogesh Chawla, new County Supervisor and Dane Arts Commission member

New commissioner Yogesh Chawla, introduced himself to the commission. He likes to work in the arts with literary artists, and has created pop-up markets that focus on poetry, spoken word, and writing. He currently works in the criminal justice arena collecting data related to criminal justice as he works to bridge the gap between criminal justice and public safety. Chawla is a big music fan and loves all the festivals. He noted that when he was elected to the county board, his first commission choice was Dane Arts. He noted that he is very happy to be serving on the county arts commission.

Ritcherson provided an overview of Dane Arts and its role within the County. Chawla agreed to serve on the Blockstein work group with Albouras.

E. Reports to Committee*Chair, Grants, PR, Fundraising, Director*

Each workgroup shared its report. The grants workgroup led by Trone shared an overview of the alternative grants review rubric with new member Chawla, and asked that discussion of the rubric be put on the next month's agenda for an action vote.

Klehr gave a report on the Dane Arts New Commissioner handbook; Klehr and Morgan will seek an action vote next month on the final version. Klehr will send the link to members to review in advance of August meeting. Trone asked if the handbook will be on the website. She noted that for transparency reasons, it might be a good idea to share it on the website. The handbook will be an action vote in August.

Ritcherson gave an overview of upcoming meetings and shared that we will focus on one main discussion at each meeting. The August meeting discussion focus will be on persistent issues and the alternative rubric; the September meeting discussion focus will be on preparing for grant reviews; and the November meeting discussion focus will be on fundraising.

Director Fraire agreed to send an updated calendar of county cultural events so that members have them on their calendars. Fraire will also send an overview of the 2019 Dane Arts budget and the information about the resolution process for modifying the commission name.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

August 15, September 19, October 3 (grants review)

A motion was made by KLEHR, seconded by MIQUELON, that the August commission meeting be held in Mazomanie. This was approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

2019 Budget, Blockstein, DCACA resolution, appoint DAMA board member

Commissioners whose terms are up were asked whether they would like to stay on the commission. Klehr, Montoto, Morgan (with a request he will put in writing to the commission due to his schedule) and Miquelon agreed to serve again.

Quorum is now at 6 person due to the new county commission ordinance. There was discussion regarding when to hold or cancel meetings relative to attendance, severe weather, and quorum.

Dane Arts Mural Arts is in need of another commission member to serve on the DAMA Inc board. Interested members should contact Ritcherson.

I. Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:48pm.

This was adjourned