



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Cultural Affairs Commission

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

5:15 PM

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A. Call To Order

Call to order at 5:23pm. Albouras arrived at 5:27pm.

Present 7 - MARY KLEHR, RODERICK RITCHERSON, TRACY WILLIAMS-MACLIN,
MARCIA MIQUELON, MATT VELDRAN, CAROLE TRONE, and CHRISTIAN
ALBOURAS

Excused 4 - STEVEN MORGAN, Supervisor MARY KOLAR, ASHLEY ROBERTSON, and
DIANE EVERSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2017](#) 2017 MIN 174
[MIN-174](#)

Attachments: [June 21, 2017 Minutes](#)

This Minutes were approved.

C. Action Items

DAMA contribution 2018

Delay conversation on DAMA contribution until after presentation. Sharon Kilfoy will arrive at 5:30pm.

Blockstein funds

The comptroller's office would like the \$8,000 to be taken out of the county budget. They would like to see the Blockstein funds removed from the budget. Funds are to be moved; they do not have to be used specifically for the Blockstein Awards. The Blockstein Awards began in 1984 and have not been used in years. Director recommends splitting the funds between Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA) and Dane Arts Buy Local (DABL). Ritcherson requested a written statement from the comptroller or legal counsel on how the funds can be used, if a previous written agreement between the Blockstein Family and Dane County can not be made available. Director will provide detailed information at the next commission meeting.

Veldran moved to postpone final decision regarding the use of funds until the next commission meeting. All in favor.

D. Presentations

Sharon Kilfoy, DAMA Director

Executive Committee recommends that DAMA should be funded as a subsidiary like entity for \$10,000 per year. Should there be a time limit? Albouras suggests that there should not be a time limit because future commissioners may not see the vision of DAMA. Funds will come out of the general Dane Arts budget. Miquelon, Klehr and Trone suggest having an annual review of funds.

Motion to approve a \$10,000 appropriation for DAMA from Dane Arts, with an annual review of those allocations. All in favor.

E. Reports to Committee

Executive Committee, Grants, Fundraising, PR, Director's report

Executive Committee

Will tentatively have a change in venue to meet at the DAMA location in August or September based on the weather. Albouras will renew his appointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission. Two new commission members, Luis Montoto and Samie Chambers, will be joining the commission. Names of future commissioners are welcome. Turner will go through the grants to provide upcoming Dane Arts funded events to commissioners.

Grants

Trone provided an update on the grant rubric. Is there a way to provide geographic distribution? Is there a way to weigh establish groups? Carol Cohen, a member of the Grants Review Work Group, noted that the rubric does not always match what is provided in the Webgrants system. Trone provided a revised rubric as handout for commission members to review and provide feedback by the next commission meeting. Things to consider; are there too many questions? Is the weighting column useful? Is this touching on the concerns of the commission (are these the right questions to ask)? Trone will be able to report in August. The Executive Committee suggests that we ask for feedback from the grant reviewers as well, to see if this solves past issues. The director met with the Wisconsin Arts Board to discuss optional grant systems. The rubric will be discussed prior to the grants software discussed.

Fundraising

Will be discussed at the next commission meeting.

PR

Miquelon will generate PR Facebook posts for Dane Arts 40th Anniversary.

Director's report

Report provided to the commission via email.

Additionally, the director met with Cross Fit Games and agreed to the creation of a mural.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

August 16- DAMA space

August 16 - DAMA space (tentative - based on the weather)

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

Adjourned at 6:45pm.

This was approved

Minutes respectfully submitted by Taeli Turner.