



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

POLLY MORRIS, CHAIR

**Tina Klose, Emilia Layden, Sandra McSweeney, and Tim
Murphy**

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Tuesday, February 14, 2023

3:00 PM

Virtual

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm

Members present: Morris, Klose, McSweeney and Murphy.

Members excused: Layden

Angie Livermore, Sarah Davitt and Sally Svetic were present as well.

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Ms. McSweeney moved approval requesting that the PAIR link be added to the minutes. Mr. Murphy seconded. There were no objections.

3. PAIR (New Work Fund)

*Public Artist in Residence (PAIR) Program
Milwaukee.gov/PAIR*

Ms. Svetic announced that the contract for the artist is all set and that Ms. Sarah Davitt is here as well.

Ms. Davitt said that she just signed the contract and that she is very excited about learning and getting started. She also said that she graduated from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design and being allergic to some chemicals in painting and printing shifted to this retro reflecting material that is used on safety clothing. She also said that she uses this material to make long stories and that she has designed a safety bar among other things. She mentioned that she has started a welding program for 20-25 woman. She also said that her proposal is very community driven and that she is looking forward interviewing people from the community as a city wide (and nation wide) problem just to get started.

Ms. Morris said that Sarah will be working with Angie and, Angie will be the liaison working with DPW and that there is a structure in place to ease the path for Sarah. The members welcomed Sarah and introduced themselves to Angie and Sarah.

Ms. Svetic said that Angie has been working on collecting information, contact lists and brainstorming where to go from here and, that all the information will be shared with the members.

Angie said that she is very happy that the contract was sorted out and, that they can get started developing their work relationship and to delegate some things that she can do for Sarah.

4. Conservation Fund

Ms. Morris said that Ms. Svetic circulated some information from the Lake Park Friends and that this is the third time that they are looking for a contribution. She also said that it seems that there are some eagles on this sculpture that got knocked off or removed. She mentioned that the Lake Park Friends have commissioned an artist to cast new ones and that it is an expensive new phase (about \$100,000). She also said that there is no policy about how many times contributions can be made to one specific organization/project. She added that the project gets away from the conservation into the restoration area which is a fine line. She expressed that no decision has to be taken today but she wants to know what everybody else have to say about formally or informally to put limits on these things.

Ms. McSweeney said that we should wait to hear from them just to see what the actual request is.

Ms. Svetic said that it is a kind of gray area because they have an open application that has not been completed yet and asked the members to keep it in mind.

Ms. Klose asked Ms. Morris what she thinks about this request.

Ms. Morris said that she feels uncomfortable funding the same project three times.

Ms. McSweeney gave an update of the bust of the Lake Park Friends.

5. New Business

Ms. Morris said that Ms. Layden has been approached by a pair of artists who make art around conventions and that they want to come to do their project for the 2024 RNC. She also said that Ms. Layden offered to have a conversation first because she thinks that it won't be the first request coming in.

Mr. Murphy said that he will send the memo that he shared with Ms. Morris to the Brady Street people and Rachel Taylor first and to work on having them at one of the meetings.

Ms. Svetic said that she will share the BID information with Mr. Murphy and Ms. Klose and that she will make sure that the invitation makes it to agenda.

Ms. Morris asked Mr. Murphy to send the message out.

Mr. Murphy said that this project needs a bigger conversation first.

Ms. Morris said that she wants to make it clear that no funds are being offered.

6. Old Business

a. Office of African American Affairs Mural Project Update.

Ms. Svetic said that there is no update and that she still waiting for Mr. Darryl.

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm

*Yadira Melendez
Staff Assistant.*