



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

ALD. MILELE COGGS, CHAIR

Polly Morris, Interim Vice-Chair

*Phoenix Brown, William DeLind, David Flores, Donald Fraker,
Marcela Garcia, April Heding, Tina Klose, Sandra McSweeney,
Tim Murphy, Amy O'Neill, Chad Orr, Ariel Pate, Paula Phillips,
Kantara Souffrant, and Oscar Tovar*

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024

4:00 PM

Virtual

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1. Roll Call at 4:06 PM

Present 12 - McSweeney, Morris, Fraker, Murphy, Coggs, Klose, Tovar, Souffrant, Pate, Brown, Orr and O'Neill
Absent 3 - DeLind, Garcia and Phillips
Excused 2 - Flores and Heding

New member, Amy O'Neil introduced herself to the board, she is a Drawing and paint instructor with the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee system.

All members gave a brief introduction to welcome Ms. O'Neil.

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024

Motion by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Orr to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were no objections.

3. Public Art Subcommittee Report

Ms. Morris said that a new application was received for the Conservation Fund. It is a project to restore the mural that's been in the Victory Against Violence park in Brownsville, this was made originally in 1997 and Brad Bernard is preparing to restore it.

There are additional questions for the artist, Bernard, so discussion will continue at the next meeting, before committee can make their final funding recommendation.

Ms. Svetic gave a progress report relative to the PAIR program by saying that the art car project is advancing and the hope is to have it done by the end of May as the artist in residence contract ends at the end of June. There have been great community outreach opportunities for the art car set up in early June.

4. New Business

a. Award Nominations Presentation & Voting

Ms. Svetic shared her screen to present the 2024 nominations for Mildred L. Harpole Artist of the Year and the Friends of the Arts. We received a staggering 81 individual nominations for the two categories, with 17 Artist of the Year nominees, 2 nominees who were nominated (and eligible) for both categories, and 8 Friends of the Arts nominees. All nominees are listed alphabetically, with a note where nominees received multiple nominations. Many slides have links to content which are marked in green, please be sure to click around especially for artists who's work can't be viewed on a slide!, said Ms. Svetic.

Voting will be done electronically, with the ballot opening at 4 pm on Tuesday and closing Wednesday morning at 12 noon, I will then email the results to everyone. With the volume of nominations this year, I want to ensure members have an opportunity to view/read/watch/listen to all of the information provided before casting your ballot, said Ms. Svetic.

The recipients are honored at the annual Art celebration, that will be held June 11th in the City Hall rotunda, that will replace the June Arts Board meeting and the artists. They will receive a \$1,500 honorarium which is funded by continued donations from arts Board members, attendance stipend.

Ms. Pate asked if there will be a press release to recognize these nominees and their contribution to the Milwaukee art scene at a broader level.

This year the open window for voting is made longer, to allow members to have longer time to review the nominees. A press release will be done by the communication staff of DCD, in the past they worked directly with the Journal Sentinel to write a full feature article and interview all of the awardees.

We do intend to include information about the number of nominations received, the variety of disciplines and of the city that nominations came from. also, those who submitted nominations to the celebration in June, concluded Ms. Svetic.

5. Old Business

There were no Old Business to discuss.

6. Announcements

The June 11th meeting will be replace with the annual celebration held in the City Hall Rotunda starting at 4:30PM

*The Florentine Opera is taking inspiration from the Bronzeville and their upcoming production of LABOEM. Hosting a series of Free discussions called VERSED
April 10 @ 5:45PM
Honeybee Sage located at 1819 N Martin Luther King Drive*

April 16 will be the 2024-2028 Common Council Inauguration program breaking records in the 178 years of the City, including 6 women, 8 African American, 2 LGBTQ and 2 Latino members, in the history of Common Council.

New Exhibition at villa Terrace - Dyed Well (The feminist rug hooking practice of Emily Robertson)

*April 18, 2024 – October 13, 2024
from 6-8PM*

Milwaukee Magic & Comedy Monthly show; email Mr. Orr for tickets and more information.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM

Joanna Polanco

Staff Assistant

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