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Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

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**Vanessa Allen, Laura Ashleigh-Wolfe, Rosemarie Balistreri,
Daisy Cubias, William DeLind, David Flores, Mildred Harpole,
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Layden, Sandra McSweeney, Polly Morris, Tim Murphy, and
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Tuesday, April 8, 2014

4:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

Meeting convened at 4:04 p.m.

Present 10 - Murphy, McSweeney, Morris, Ashleigh-Wolfe, Flores, Kosarzycki, Harpole,
Klose, Balistreri and Allen

Excused 7 - Cubias, DeLind, Kingsbury, Murphy, Kovac, Robison and Layden

Individual also present:

Sally Witte, Staff to Arts Board

1. Roll call and approval of previous meeting minutes.

Meeting minutes from March 11, 2014 were approved without objections.

2. Report from Public Art Subcommittee.

Ms. Morris said that the New Work Fund for 2014 had a request for proposal back in January that resulted in the subcommittee reviewing four proposals. Two finalists presented before the subcommittee today. The first finalist was from Jazale's Art Studio for an artery project that will make temporary murals on the side of one of the businesses on the trail. The second finalist is to bring back Mary Miss to do work on the Riverwalk. After deliberations, the subcommittee felt that the Mary Miss project is more impactful, catalytic, important, and meaningful of an opportunity for the arts board to partake in. She and the subcommittee will work with Jazale's Art Studio to help find other funding options for the artery project. Ms. Morris moved to award the 2014 New Work Fund in the amount of \$15,000 to the Mary Miss Project, seconded by Mr. Flores. There were no objections.

President Murphy inquired as to the budget of the Mary Miss project, what the New Work Fund will be used for, and participants of the project? He added that he would like to meet Ms. Miss.

Ms. Morris replied that the budget amount will be determined after six months from June or July. The award money is to help pay for Ms. Miss's travel to and from Milwaukee during that six month period. The total budget for phase one of the project is \$70,000. Several contributors have put money in phase one such as the Department of Public Works, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Third Ward Riverwalk, and Wisconsin Preservation Fund. The steering committee for the project includes Keven Schaefer, Ghassan Korban, and other participants. The Water Council has been involved with Dean Amhaus attending some meetings. Ms. Miss has met with Rich Meeusen and will be working with Mr. Amhaus to make connections. Ms. Miss's work has been funded lately by the National Science Foundation as it relates to education about water as a resource. She will find out and notify Pres. Murphy of Ms. Miss's schedule.

3. Grants update.

Ms. Witte gave an update. The project grant award review process is underway. Forty-seven applications were received with forty-one determined eligible for review. The eight member review panel, chaired by William DeLind, will review the applications on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Fishbowl room. Everyone is invited. Five or six new organizations applied this year. Some of the organizations were ineligible. One reason was that their project ended after the grant reporting deadline.

Board members discussed the grant process and issues for future discussion. Perhaps one way to improve the process for the future is to provide a checklist of requirements to help applicants. There is additional money in this year's budget to assist art organizations and award a few more than thirty-two from last year. Applicants who do not meet qualifications will get a letter and feedback at the review panel if representatives are present. Groups that did not get awards in the past have been contacted about workshops on completing applications. Milwaukee Repertory Theater (The Rep) and other bigger organizations were not awarded previously due to submitting weaker or poorly written applications. The Rep had expressed concern about the City's lower contributions to the arts when compared to other cities across the country. The Rep also had concern with sustaining contributions to the arts due to aging donors and possible disconnect with the next generation. The board should think about discussing these two issues in the future.

4. Discussion on the location of the Grant Reception.

The board moved that the next Grant Reception be at In Tandem Theater.

5. Vote for Annual Friends of Art Award.

There were three nominations.

Ms. Harpole nominated the group of Dorothy Nell Sanders, Lucinda Gordon, and Gloria Wright for their contributions in brining African American art to the art museum. The women were founders of the African American Alliance, a committee of the City's art museum.

Ms. Balistreri nominated Ken Hanson from Hanson Dodge Creative for his contribution with fine arts, the commercial design community, graphic design, workshops, shows, internship opportunities for students, activeness in rock music

scenes and other groups, and being a long time business owner.

Mr. Flores recommended the duo of Konrad Kuchenbach and John Holland for their significant time and donations in theater groups, their spirit as it influences the people around them, and being role models to others.

The board voted that the award recipients be the group of Dorothy Nell Sanders, Lucinda Gordon, and Gloria Wright and the duo of Konrad Kuchenbach and John Holland. Ken Hanson is to be eligible for the award next year. A letter will be sent out to the award recipients. Ms. Harpole and Mr. Flores will say a few words regarding the recipients at the award ceremony.

Announcements were made.

Ms. Morris announced that the subcommittee had discussed earlier the Rick Pflieger Sculpture possibly being removed at its current site due to being a seagull nest. Members should notify her of any options available for the sculpture. The desire is to move the sculpture to a new public place, preferably in the Menomonee Valley.

Mr. Flores announced his participation in the show "Giovanni: The Loves and Legends of Don Juan" at Off the Wall Theatre and directing a stage reading in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Chris Lee, Staff Assistant