



# City of Milwaukee

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## Meeting Minutes MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD

**ALD. MICHAEL J. MURPHY, CHAIR**

**Ald. Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair**

**Rosemarie Balistreri, Daisy Cubias, William DeLind, David Flores, Donald Fraker, Marcela Garcia, Mildred Harpole, Vedale Hill, Anne Kingsbury, Tina Klose, Diane Kosarzycki, Emilia Layden, Sandra McSweeney, Polly Morris, and Tim Murphy**

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Tuesday, May 12, 2015

4:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

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The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

### 1. Roll Call

*Tim Murphy excused.*

**Present** 14 - Murphy, DeLind, Kingsbury, McSweeney, Morris, Flores, Fraker, Kosarzycki, Kovac, Klose, Layden, Balistreri, Hill and Garcia

**Absent** 1 - Harpole

**Excused** 2 - Cubias and Murphy

**Individual also present:**

*Sally Witte, Department of City Development*

### 2. Introduction of New Milwaukee Arts Board Member

*Mr. Fraker gave brief introductory remarks. He has been a Milwaukee resident since 1984, is a theater goer, has been on the Friends of the Rep board for over twenty years, and tries to be involved with arts as much as possible.*

### 3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

*Ald. Kovac moved approval, seconded by Mr. DeLind, of the meeting minutes from April 14, 2015. There were no objections.*

### 4. Public Art Subcommittee Report

*Ms. Morris reported on the subcommittee's deliberations relative to new art projects*

and existing art projects for the New Work Fund and Conservation Fund.

The subcommittee reviewed a Riverworks Healthy Neighborhoods public art project called "Streetlights". The streetlight silhouettes will have words on the posts. The subcommittee recommended funding \$7000 of the New Work Fund to cover the artist fee for this project with the condition that all funds be acquired to fully realize the project.

Ms. Morris moved approval, seconded by Ms. Layden, to award \$7000 from the New Work Fund to cover the artist fee from the Riverworks "Streetlights" project with the condition that the necessary funds be acquired to fully realize the project. There were no objections.

The subcommittee received another request for the New Work Fund regarding an east side mural project at the alley behind the Oriental Theater. The curators of this project will be invited to present more information to the subcommittee at its next meeting.

The Lambert/Kjelland project has landed a site opposite the Heartlove place on the 3200 plaza on North Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Drive. The site encompasses five city lots and will involve staging and farmland. The City has approved. The unveiling is early fall. The original murals that were funded by the board had been kept in storage.

Ms. Morris added that there continues to be the issue of orphan sculptures. There has been activity and interest on relocating the Jill Sebastian sculpture.

## **5. Recommendations for the 2015 Milwaukee Arts Board Project Grants**

Mr. DeLind reported the recommendations for the 2015 Milwaukee Arts Board Project Grants. There is more money to spend this year. Out of 47 organizational requests, 45 were considered, 2 were found ineligible, and 33 were recommended to be funded. One of three new organizational applicants was recommended to be awarded.

Mr. DeLind moved approval, seconded by Ald. Kovac, to award the 2015 Milwaukee Arts Board Project Grants to the following 33 applicants and projects for the following specified amounts:

1. Arts at Large, Paliapito Park Eco-Arts Learning Center, \$7000
2. Historic Milwaukee, Inc., Doors Open, \$7000
3. Danceworks, Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap, \$7000
4. Artists Working in Education, Inc., \$7000
5. Milwaukee Repertory Theater, \$7000
6. Ex Fabula, Puente Project \$3500
7. Renaissance Theaterworks, The Ballad of Emmett Till, \$7000
8. Skylight Music Theatre Corp, Kidswrites, \$7000
9. First Stage, The Snow, \$7000
10. Milwaukee Art Museum, ArtXpress Inspired by "Van Gogh to Pollock", \$7000
11. Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Finding our Allies, \$7000
12. Florentine Opera, Opera in the Schools - "Jack and the Beanstalk", \$7000
13. Present Music, Creation Project, \$7000
14. Optimist Theatre, Shakespeare in the Park: "A Midsummer Night's Dream", \$7000
15. Wild Space Inc., Luminous, \$7000
16. Milwaukee Ballet, Ballet-in-a-Box "The Dungeon of Doom", \$7000
17. Artworks for Milwaukee, Artworks Public Arts Internship in Layton Blvd West

*Neighborhood, \$7000*

18. *Alverno College, Global Union, \$7000*

19. *Theatre Gigante, "Rumore Di Acque" (Noise in the Waters), \$7000*

20. *PianoArts, School/Community Education Project, \$7000*

21. *String Academy of Wisconsin, Urban Students in Arts Outreach Program, \$7000*

22. *Walker's Point Center for the Arts, "Growing in the Arts" Youth Art and Dance, \$7000*

23. *Early Music Now, Fiesta: A Hispanic Heritage Celebration, \$7000*

24. *Milwaukee Public Theatre, Stories From the Medicine Wheel, \$7000*

25. *Latino Arts, Dia De Los Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration 2015, \$7000*

26. *Milwaukee Film, Cream City Cinema, \$7000*

27. *Milwaukee Children's Choir, Harmony In-School-Sherman Multicultural Arts School, \$7000*

28. *Woodland Pattern, Recognizing the Local: Three Intermedia Exhibitions, \$7000*

29. *Milwaukee Youth Theatre, Number the Stars, \$3500*

30. *Bel Canto Chorus, 5th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Concert, \$3500*

31. *Riverwest Artists Association, 2015 Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts Drum Camp, \$3500*

32. *Haggerty Museum of Art/Marquette, Current Tendencies IV: Topography Transformed, \$7000*

33. *DanceCircus, "Confluence - Down by the Riverside" Dance Concert, \$3500*

*There were no objections.*

*Abstaining were the following members specific to the following applicants:*

*Ms. Kingsbury abstained from voting on Woodland Pattern.*

*Ms. Garcia abstained from voting on Artists Working in Education, Inc.*

*Mr. Flores abstained from voting on First Stage.*

*Mr. Hill abstained from voting on Riverwest Artists Association and Milwaukee Artists Resource Network.*

*Mr. DeLind abstained from voting on Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra.*

*Mr. Fraker abstained from voting on Milwaukee Repertory Theatre.*

*Ms. Layden abstained from voting on Haggerty Museum of Art/Marquette and Milwaukee Film.*

## **6. Report on the Annual Congressional Art Awards**

*Ms. Balistreri and Kosarzycki reported. They were involved as judges and assisting in getting more involvement from schools. There was a nice awards ceremony at the Historic Society with about 100 attendees.*

*The Annual Congressional Art Awards is nationwide high school competition sponsored by the Congressional Institute every spring encouraging high school students to submit artwork to be judged locally. Awardees will be recognized at district and national levels. Locally in Congresswoman Gwen Moore's district, 11 high schools participated with 88 students and 91 pieces of a wide range of artwork. The top winning artists in the congresswoman's district will get their artwork displayed at the US Capitol for one year and receive a trip there.*

## **7. Old Business**

*Ms. Witte said that the annual Milwaukee Arts Board Grant Awards and Friends of the Arts Reception is June 9, 2015 in the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts*

*atrium.*

## **8. New Business**

*Ald. Murphy gave an overview on an essay contest that he created. It is a local 200 words or less essay competition for local middle and high school students in the south and north side of the City who have been afflicted by terrible violence. Students should write about what they can do to provide a solution to stop violent crime in the City. The intent is to focus on at-risk children, shift their attitudes, encourage dialogue, and implement their suggestions within the next year. Awardees will be rewarded with tickets and/or recognition from the Milwaukee Bucks, Milwaukee Brewers, Summer Fest, Milwaukee County Zoo, Discovery World, and Clear Channel. Members are to help share this information to those in their community. The deadline is May 21, 2015 but may possibly be extended.*

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.**

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant**