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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, October 9, 2018

4:00 PM

Room 303, City Hall

1. Roll Call

The meeting convened at 4:09 PM

Individual also present:

Sally Witte, DCD

Present 8 - Cubias, Kingsbury, Flores, Fraker, Kosarzycki, Kovac, Layden and Balistreri

Absent 1 - Hill

2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Ms. Morris explained that the Public Art Subcommittee report needs to be amended so the minutes of the previous meeting should be held.

3. Public Art Subcommittee Report

Ms. Morris stated she will be scheduling Teifenthaler Park to come and present at a future meeting.

4. Official City Flag Subcommittee Report

Mr. DeLind stated an informative presentation was given by The People's Flag cohort and future meetings of the Subcommittee will take place. He stated the Subcommittee will make recommendations at the November Arts Board meeting. Ald. Kovac provided clarification that the directive from the Council was not to vote up or down the People's Flag. He stated there should be a substantive evaluation of the process done by Greater Together. Mr. Flores asked if the Subcommittee should provide multiple options or just one. Ms. Morris asked if the Subcommittee has received input from the public. Mr. Flores stated the discussion have been in the Subcommittee with limited

input from the public and input from the alderpersons. Ald. Kovac stated outreach has been made to the Great Lakes Intertribal Council regarding an image to replace the current brave image. Ms. Morris asked if we even needed a flag. Mr. Flores gave an overview of the Subcommittee's process regarding the need for a new flag. He stated the Subcommittee determined there is public interest, a national movement, and offensive and antiquated imagery on the current flag. Ald. Kovac stated there is a current movement to redesign flags throughout the country based on a Ted Talk. Ms. McSweeney stated the process was from 2 years ago and maybe it would have been different if the City or the Arts Board was involved. She stated her main concern is that people are going to be offended. Ms. Klose stated maybe an RFP process is needed so the designer can be paid and public outreach will be done. Ms. Morris moved based on the report of the Subcommittee a vote on whether a new flag is necessary, seconded by Ms. McSweeney. There were no objections. It was unanimously determined that a new flag is necessary. Ms. Cubias asked who the People's Flag represents. Mr. Flores stated Greater Together worked hard to be inclusive, but it was not wide enough to represent the city. Ms. Garcia stated there was no demographic information collected on the participants in the People's Flag workshops. Ald. Kovac stated the Subcommittee can always ask the Council for more time. He stated that there was a consensus from people who were not near the lake had no idea the flag contest was going on. Ms. Morris stated it seemed odd to her to take an a citywide project and not include people who are involved in citywide representation.

5. Old Business

Ms. Witte stated The Madison group presented the report of 679 pages on the art collection inventory and will present at the next meeting.

6. New Business

Ms. Balestreri stated she will not be reappointed to the Arts Board, but would still like to serve on the grant panel.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM
Molly Kuether-Steele
Staff Assistant

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