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Meeting Minutes

MILWAUKEE ARTS BOARD PUBLIC ART SUBCOMMITTEE

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Tuesday, May 14, 2019

3:00 PM

Room 303, Third Floor, City Hall

Meeting convened at 3:03 p.m.

1. Roll call.

Present 5 - McSweeney, Morris, Murphy, Klose and Layden

Individual also present:

Sally Witte, DCD

2. Review and approval of the previous meeting minutes.

Member Murphy moved approval of the meeting minutes from April 9, 2019. There was no objection.

3. New Work Fund.

a. Review of applications.

Ms. Witte said there is \$78,000 in funding available.

Members reviewed the application from Uptown Crossing Business Improvement District 16.

*Individual appearing:
Annie Schmidt, Uptown Crossing BID 16*

Ms. Schmidt gave an overview. The BID is seeking an artist or team of artists to develop a permanent public artwork to activate the pocket park on West North Avenue and 56th Street. The BID has dedicated approximately \$10,000 of its budget to go toward the pocket park art project and is seeking a \$10,000 match from the arts board. A RFQ for the project was issued with the requirement that the artist be a resident or employee of the Sherman Park and Lindsay Heights neighborhoods. There will be interviews of 3 artist submittals. The interviews will garner more site specific and cost details. \$500 honorarium will be given to the top 3 finalists. Artist fee was not addressed. Budget details are not known due to the lack of site specific details.

Funds will be for design, engineering, and installation of the work. The BID will pay for ongoing maintenance, artist fees and wages. The finalists have a portfolio of mural and/or sculpture works. Any mural work will require a contract with the building. A sculpture is preferred. More details will be forthcoming.

Members commented that the arts board would fund only artist fees and materials and directed the BID to provide more details on the chosen project, budget, and timeline.

The subcommittee reviewed the application from Near West Side Partners (NWSP) for "Voices of the City", a tile piece fence installation at Wisconsin Avenue School. A revised budget shows a request of \$5,000 (43 percent of the total budget) for artist stipend. There is a revised narrative and a long term plan for when the chain link fence comes down. Total budget cost is \$11,729, and \$6,721 was raised.

Member Layden moved to recommend approval in awarding \$5,000 in New Work Funds to Near West Side Partners for the "Voices of the City" tile piece project for artist fees and materials. There was no objection.

Members reviewed the application from the Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative for "Tejiendo Raices", a mural project. A revised budget shows a request of \$5,000 (42 percent of the total budget) for artist fee, materials, and scaffolding. Total budget cost is \$11,900.

Chair Morris moved to recommend approval in awarding \$5,000 in New Work Funds to the Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative for the "Tejiendo Raices" mural project for artist fees, materials, and equipment. There was no objection.

Members reviewed the application and new information from Still Waters Collective for a soapbox creative conversations project. Total budget cost is \$62,000. The request is for \$10,000.

Chair Morris moved to recommend approval in awarding \$5,000 in New Work Funds to Still Waters Collective for a soapbox creative conversations project for visual artist fees. There was no objection.

b. Update on projects.

Members mentioned the unveiling of two sculptures (three remaining) from the Friends of the Hank Aaron State Trail project and that the Harbor District committed \$5,000 towards the remainder of the project.

4. Conservation Fund.

a. Review of applications.

Ms. Witte said that about \$1,000 to \$2,000 in funding has been used.

Members reviewed the application from Riverwest Radio for a light bulb projection project. The application had converted from seeking New Work Funds to Conservation Funds. In-kind documents have been received. The request is for \$2,000. Total budget is all in-kind.

Members were concerned over the lack of rules for in-kind and proposed that

applications going forward show 50 percent of match to be cash.

Member Layden moved to recommend approval in awarding \$1,000 in Conservation Funds to Riverwest Radio for the light bulb projection project contingent on the installation being functional. There was no objection.

b. Update on projects.

Ms. Witte gave updates. There will be a kick-off event for the Letter Carrier's monument project. She had participated in a recent LISC national creative placemaking conference that advocated for ongoing placemaking in downtown and residency opportunities.

5. New business.

This item was not discussed.

6. Old business.

This item was not discussed.

7. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

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